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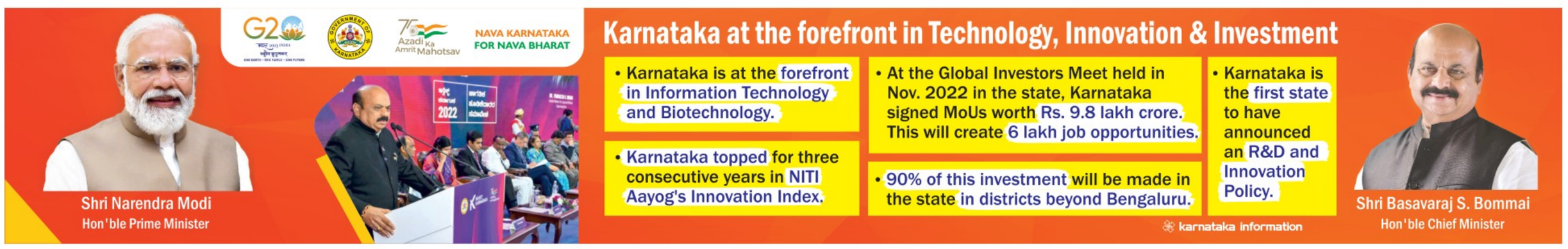

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Karnataka, T.N. among 7 States to get textile parks

Centre expects the parks to attract investments worth ₹70,000 crore, generate jobs for 20 lakh people and create an integrated value chain for the sector, says Textiles Minister Piyush Goyal

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Centre has selected sites in Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, and Uttar Pradesh to set up new textile parks, a year and a half after the PM Mega Integrated Textile Regions and Apparel (PM MITRA) scheme was announced.

Listing the seven selected States in a tweet on Friday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said the parks would "provide state-of-the-art infrastructure for the textiles sector, attract investment of crores and create lakhs of jobs".

The scheme was announced in October 2021, and the parks will be set up by 2026-27. The total outlay for the project is ₹4,445 crore, though the intial allocation in the 2023-24 Budget is only ₹200 crore.

"PM MITRA mega textile parks will boost the textiles sector in line with 5F (Farm to Fibre to Factory to Fashion to Foreign) vision," Mr. Modi tweeted, adding that the scheme would be a great example of the government's policy of 'Make in India' and 'Make for the World'.

The Centre envisages an investment of nearly ₹70,000 crore into the parks, with employment generation for about 20 lakh people, Textiles Minister Piyush Goyal said.

The parks will function as centres of opportunity to create an integrated textiles value chain – from spinning, weaving, processing, dyeing and printing to garment manufacturing – all at one location. "The textile industry has been unorganised. This increased wastage and logistical costs impact the competitiveness of country's textile sector. The cluster-based approach, a vision of the Prime Minister, will solve several problems of the sector," Mr. Goyal said. Environmental clearances would also be eased under the scheme, he said.

Textiles Secretary Rachna Shah said the Ministry had selected the locations in a transparent manner, having considered 18 proposals from 13 States.

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All-in-one parks

The PM Mega Integrated Textile Regions and Apparel (PM MITRA) scheme was announced in October 2021

- The parks will come up by 2026-27
- The total outlay for the project is ₹4,445 crore, though the initial allocation in the 2023-24 Budget is only ₹200 crore
- States have offered to provide at least 1,000 acres, says Minister Goyal

- Spinning, weaving, processing/ dyeing, printing and garment manufacturing will be done at one location
- Effort is to reduce logistics cost of textile industry and make it globally competitive

Tiger helps uncover timber 'depots' in Arunachal reserve

A truck with logs that was seized from Namdapha National Park and Tiger Reserve in Arunachal Pradesh. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Rahul Karmakar
GUWAHATI

A tiger spotted after an eight-year gap could have helped uncover timber 'depots' deep inside India's easternmost tiger reserve.

On March 14, officials in Arunachal Pradesh's Changlang district found several illegal timber depots in the core area of the 1,985 sq. km Namdapha National Park and Tiger Reserve.

Park officials bumped into the illegal logging activities while trying to find out why a tiger came out of the core area of the reserve after so many years.

The tiger was caught on cameras set up near the park's Deban Forest Inspection Bungalow, after forest guards reported some pugmarks on January 31.

It was the second tiger spotted in Namdapha after one in 2015.

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'Uri Gowda-Nanje Gowda' triggers a war of words

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The fight for political optics over the narrative of fictional characters of Uri Gowda and Nanje Gowda, propped up by the BJP as brave warriors who killed Tipu Sultan, intensified with the saffron party and the Janata Dal (S) trading barbs on Friday. With an eye on the dominant Vokkaliga votes that are crucial in the Old Mysore region in this Assembly election, the fight only became bigger after a film title 'Uri Gowda-Nanje Gowda' was registered.

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NEARBY

RTC staff unions unhappy over 15% pay hike

BENGALURU
A day after Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai made an announcement about increasing the basic salary of employees of the road transport corporations (RTCs) by 15%, the State government issued the order on Friday. Employee unions, however, have expressed unhappiness over the 15% hike. » Page 2

Congress first list likely by Monday

BENGALURU
Amid lobbying by its leaders for higher political representation for their communities, the AICC Central Election Committee (CEC) on Friday held its first meeting in the national capital to pick candidates for the Karnataka Legislative Assembly elections. The party is expected to release its first list of candidates before the visit of Rahul Gandhi, MP, to Belagavi on March 20. » Page 8

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SHIBSAGAR SINGH
Coach

I was nervous because I was going to play in front of a big crowd and the match was being telecast live... I knew my family and my friends would all be watching

SAIKA ISHAQUE
On her WPL debut

Left field to centre stage: Saika Ishaque breaks through

Largely an unknown quantity even in India before the Women's Premier League, the Mumbai Indians left-arm spinner has been a revelation under the bright lights

P.K. Ajith Kumar

Amelia Kerr had a good look at this left-arm spinner she hadn't heard of in her six-year international career, as the Mumbai Indians sweated it out ahead of the Women's Premier League.

Kerr, who famously took five for 17 with her leg-spin after cracking 232 not out off 145 balls as a 17-year-old in an ODI for New Zealand against Ireland back in 2018, said to coach Charlotte Edwards and captain Harmanpreet Kaur: "She is very good. She is going to do well."

Saika Ishaque is doing well indeed. In her first four games, she took 12 wickets to stake an early claim for the WPL's purple cap.

Saika's performance may not have surprised Kerr and the MI camp. But, for the rest of the world, she has been a revelation. Largely an unknown quantity even in India until recently, she has been the find of the WPL.

Last November, this correspondent watched her bowl in the T20 Challenger Trophy at Raipur. It was the last chance for fringe players to attract the attention of the prospective franchises of the prospective women's league (the WPL hadn't been announced yet).

Saika had turned 27 the previous month, so time was running out. She got to play only two matches. In the first, she took two for eight from four overs. One of those victims was the experienced Indian batter Jemimah Rodrigues, whom she clean-bowled.

She looked impressive: she was accurate, confident, bowled in the right areas and had more pace than most female spinners did. She was smiling broadly when she posed for the photograph after the match at the Shaheed Veer Narayan Singh Stadium.

That smile is still on her face, half-way into the WPL. She is enjoying her success, which has not come on a platter for her.

Opportunity knocked on her door at the auction.

"After my performance at the Challenger Trophy, where I was playing against some of India's best, and doing well generally on the domestic circuit, I was hopeful about the auction," Saika told *The Hindu*. "But I was delighted that Mumbai Indians picked me; I have been a fan of its IPL team and of Suryakumar Yadav."

MI coach Edwards, one of the game's most iconic players with over 10,000 international runs for England, was convinced that Saika was ready for the big league. She pencilled her in the eleven for the WPL's inaugural match – Mumbai Indians vs. Gujarat Giants.

"I had watched some videos of Saika, liked her pace and felt she could be a real threat," says Edwards. "Jhulan Goswami [MI mentor and bowling coach] knows her from playing in Bengal and she was pretty confident that she could do the job."

Saika has exceeded expectations. "She has bowled in most phases – the PowerPlay, the middle overs and the death," says Edwards. "She has got some of the best players in the world out."

Indeed. Saika's victims include Meg Lanning, Tahlia McGrath, Alyssa Healy, Sophie Devine, Shafali Verma and Jemimah. Most of her wickets have been bowled or lbw – something she is happy about.

The way she cleaned up both Shafali and Jemimah in the same match was impressive. After keeping Shafali quiet for a couple of balls, she flighted one and yorked the right-hander. The off-stump of Jemimah, who was trying to cut, was rattled by a quicker one.

Watching Saika doing that at Navi Mumbai's D.Y. Patil Stadium was, from Kolkata, the man who played a key role in her development as a bowler. Shibsagar Singh, a former Bengal left-arm spinner, had no association with women's cricket until he got a call from Saika two years ago.

"Talking to her, I realised that she was feeling very low; she had been out of the Bengal team for three years," says Shibsagar. "Three years is a long time for any profession. So I could understand her plight and I told her that I had also gone through a similar phase as a cricketer. She told me she was not able to do what she wanted to with the ball. She was not getting the ball to spin and the ball was not landing properly."

The following day, they started work. "I could see that she was talented and told her that she would play for India one day, but a lot had to be done," says Shibsagar. "I worked on her action and on increasing her speed, made her practise bowling different lengths. When she came to me, she was a bit confused about her bowling, and she was trying to do too many things. I also made her train with my male wards."

For Saika, that could have felt like her cricket life coming full circle. She had begun playing with boys. And they all thought she was a boy. "I had short hair and looked quite like a boy," she says with a chuckle. "I was about nine then. When they found out that I was a girl, I felt embarrassed. They stopped talking to me."

Saika started playing cricket because her father wanted her to. "He used to take me along to watch Mohammedan Sporting's football matches," she recalls. "One of his friends – I think his name was Babloo – took me to that boys' academy and later to another, where Jhulan trained."

Saika lost her father several years ago. "He would have been happy to see me play the WPL," she says. "I am living my father's dream."

Her WPL debut, she says, was a nerve-racking affair. "I was nervous because I was going to play in front of a big crowd and the match was being telecast live," she says. "I was also nervous because I knew my family and my friends would all be watching."

The nerves didn't seem to affect her bowling though, as she came on in the fifth over of the GG innings. She took a wicket with her fourth ball, bowling Annabel Sutherland.

"Then I took a wicket in my second over and then in the third," says Saika. "I took a wicket in every over. In the next match, against Royal Challengers Bangalore, I was bowling against two of the world's best batters [Smriti Mandhana and Devine] in the PowerPlay."

She removed Devine to give MI the breakthrough. She went on to take three wickets each in her next two games, showcasing what a benefit the WPL could prove to be for Indian women's cricket.

There is still quite a bit of cricket to be played in the WPL. "Then I want to play for India," she says.

It doesn't sound like a distant dream.

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CHARLOTTE EDWARDS
MI coach

STACKING UP

ATP Men's Top 15

#	Player	Age	Points	Events
1	Novak Djokovic	35	7,160	15
2	Carlos Alcaraz	19	6,780	18
3	Stefanos Tsitsipas	24	5,805	21
4	Casper Ruud	24	5,560	24
5	Taylor Fritz	25	3,795	23
6	Daniil Medvedev	27	3,775	23
7	Andrey Rublev	25	3,660	25
8	Holger Rune	19	3,321	26
9	Rafael Nadal	36	3,315	13
10	Felix Auger-Aliassime	22	3,245	27
11	Hubert Hurkacz	26	3,110	22
12	Cameron Norrie	27	2,815	23
13	Jannik Sinner	21	2,655	20
14	Alexander Zverev	25	2,500	19
15	Karen Khachanov	26	2,470	23

Top Indians ▶

Prajnesh Gunneswaran
Rank 313 ▲▼ No change

Sumit Nagal
Rank 379 ▲ 8 spots

WTA Women's Top 15

#	Player	Age	Points	Events
1	Iga Swiatek	21	10,585	17
2	Aryna Sabalenka	24	6,100	19
3	Jessica Pegula	29	5,495	17
4	Ons Jabeur	28	4,921	16
5	Caroline Garcia	29	4,905	23
6	Coco Gauff	18	4,251	18
7	Maria Sakkari	27	3,451	23
8	Daria Kasatkina	25	3,375	24
9	Belinda Bencic	25	3,360	21
10	Elena Rybakina	23	2,935	22
11	Veronika Kudermetova	25	2,620	21
12	Liudmila Samsonova	24	2,301	21
13	Beatriz Haddad Maia	26	2,246	25
14	Victoria Azarenka	33	2,237	15
15	Petra Kvitova	32	2,227	18

Top Indians ▶

Ankita Raina
Rank 241 ▲▼ No change

Karman Thandi
Rank 268 ▼ 1 spot

English Premier League Standings

#	Team	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1	Arsenal	27	21	3	3	62	25	37	66
2	Man. City	27	19	4	4	67	25	42	61
3	Man. United	26	15	5	6	41	35	6	50
4	Tottenham	27	15	3	9	49	37	12	48
5	Newcastle	25	11	11	3	37	18	19	44
6	Liverpool	26	12	6	8	47	29	18	42
7	Brighton	25	12	6	7	46	31	15	42
8	Brentford	26	10	11	5	42	33	9	41
9	Fulham	27	11	6	10	38	37	1	39
10	Chelsea	26	10	7	9	27	26	1	37
11	Aston Villa	26	10	5	11	32	39	-7	35
12	Palace	27	6	9	12	21	34	-13	27
13	Wolves	27	7	6	14	20	37	-17	27
14	Nott. Forest	26	6	8	12	21	47	-26	26
15	Everton	27	6	7	14	20	38	-18	25
16	Leicester	26	7	3	16	37	46	-9	24
17	West Ham	26	6	6	14	24	34	-10	24
18	Bournemouth	26	6	6	14	25	51	-26	24
19	Leeds United	26	5	8	13	31	42	-11	23
20	Southampton	27	6	4	17	20	43	-23	22

Spanish LaLiga Standings

#	Team	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1	Barcelona	25	21	2	2	47	8	39	65
2	Real Madrid	25	17	5	3	50	19	31	56
3	Atletico Madrid	25	14	6	5	39	19	20	48
4	Real Sociedad	25	13	6	6	33	24	9	45
5	Real Betis	25	12	6	7	33	26	7	42
6	Villarreal	25	11	5	9	29	24	5	38
7	Rayo Vallecano	25	9	8	8	29	28	1	35
8	Osasuna	25	9	7	9	22	24	-2	34
9	Athletic Bilbao	25	9	6	10	33	27	6	33
10	Real Mallorca	25	9	5	11	22	26	-4	32
11	Celta Vigo	25	8	7	10	29	34	-5	31
12	Girona	25	8	6	11	38	39	-1	30
13	Sevilla	25	7	7	11	29	40	-11	28
14	Real Valladolid	25	8	4	13	19	35	-16	28
15	Espanyol	25	6	9	10	31	39	-8	27
16	Cadiz	25	6	9	10	20	37	-17	27
17	Valencia	25	7	5	13	28	28	0	26
18	Getafe	25	6	8	11	25	34	-9	26
19	Almeria	25	7	4	14	29	44	-15	25
20	Elche	25	2	7	16	19	49	-30	13

Italian Serie A Standings

#	Team	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1	Napoli	26	22	2	2	60	16	44	68
2	Inter Milan	26	16	2	8	47	30	17	50
3	Lazio	26	14	7	5	41	19	22	49
4	AC Milan	26	14	6	6	43	33	10	48
5	Roma	26	14	5	7	35	25	10	47
6	Atalanta	26	12	6	8	42	30	12	42
7	Juventus *	26	16	5	5	44	22	22	38
8	Torino	26	10	7	9	29	29	0	37
9	Bologna	26	10	6	10	31	34	-3	36
10	Udinese	26	8	11	7	34	30	4	35
11	Fiorentina	26	9	7	10	31	31	0	34
12	Monza	26	9	6	11	31	36	-5	33
13	Sassuolo	26	9	6	11	34	40	-6	33
14	Empoli	26	6	10	10	23	34	-11	28
15	Lecce	26	6	9	11	24	31	-7	27
16	Salernitana	26	6	8	12	29	45	-16	26
17	Spezia	26	5	9	12	23	42	-19	24
18	Verona	26	4	7	15	21	38	-17	19
19	Cremonese	26	1	9	16	21	48	-27	12
20	Sampdoria	26	2	6	18	13	43	-30	12

** 15 points deducted after investigation into club's past transfer dealings*

German Bundesliga Standings

#	Team	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1	Bayern	24	15	7	2	71	25	46	52
2	Dortmund	24	16	2	6	49	30	19	50
3	RB Leipzig	24	13	6	5	49	29	20	45
4	Union Berlin	24	13	6	5	36	28	8	45
5	SC Freiburg	24	13	6	5	37	33	4	45
6	Eint. Frankfurt	24	11	7	6	46	34	12	40
7	Mainz	24	10	6	8	39	35	4	36
8	Wolfsburg	24	9	8	7	43	32	11	35
9	Leverkusen	24	10	4	10	43	39	4	34
10	M'gladbach	24	8	6	10	38	42	-4	30
11	Werder	24	9	3	12	37	46	-9	30
12	Cologne	24	6	9	9	32	38	-6	27
13	FC Augsburg	24	8	3	13	31	44	-13	27
14	Bochum	24	7	1	16	26	56	-30	22
15	Hertha Berlin	24	5	6	13	29	45	-16	21
16	Stuttgart	24	4	8	12	29	41	-12	20
17	Schalke	24	4	8	12	20	44	-24	20
18	Hoffenheim	24	5	4	15	30	44	-14	19

Test Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Marnus Labuschagne	915	937
2	Steve Smith	872	947
3	Joe Root	871	923
4	Babar Azam	862	882
5	Travis Head	853	853
6	Kane Williamson	832	919
7	Usman Khawaja	815	815
8	Daryl Mitchell	800	800
9	Rishabh Pant	766	801
10	Rohit Sharma	739	813

Test Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	R. Ashwin	869	904
2	James Anderson	859	903
3	Pat Cummins	841	914
4	Kagiso Rabada	825	902
5	Shaheen Afridi	787	836
6	Ollie Robinson	785	820
7	Jasprit Bumrah	780	835
8	Nathan Lyon	757	774
9	Ravindra Jadeja	753	899
10	Kyle Jamieson	749	836

ODI Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Babar Azam	887	898
2	Rassie van der Dussen	787	796
3	David Warner	747	880
4	Quinton de Kock	743	813
5	Imam-ul-Haq	740	815
6	Shubman Gill	734	734
7	Virat Kohli	727	911
8	Steve Smith	719	752
9	Rohit Sharma	719	885
10	Kane Williamson	700	799

ODI Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Mohammed Siraj	729	736
2	Josh Hazlewood	727	733
3	Trent Boult	708	775
4	Mitchell Starc	665	783
5	Shakib Al Hasan	663	717
6	Rashid Khan	659	806
7	Adam Zampa	655	655
8	Shaheen Afridi	641	688
9	Mujeeb Ur Rahman	637	712
10	Mohammad Nabi	631	657

T20I Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Suryakumar Yadav	906	910
2	Mohammad Rizwan	836	875
3	Babar Azam	778	896
4	Devon Conway	768	831
5	Aiden Markram	748	796
6	Muhammad Waseem	716	716
7	Dawid Malan	705	915
8	Rilee Rossouw	693	693
9	Aaron Finch	680	900
10	Jos Buttler	670	674

T20I Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Wanindu Hasaranga	695	797
2	Rashid Khan	694	816
3	Josh Hazlewood	690	806
4	Adil Rashid	684	746
5	Tabraiz Shamsi	681	821
6	Adam Zampa	678	743
7	Sam Curran	673	688
8	Anrich Nortje	659	695
9	Mitchell Santner	657	731
10	Mujeeb Ur Rahman	654	745

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Schedule Property

All that piece and parcel of the land together with residential house property bearing No.333, 4thBlock, Koramangala, Bangalore-560034, measuring East to West: 13.70 Meters, and North to South 9.10 Meters, in total 124.67 Sq. Meters, along with RCC roofed residential Building measuring 1342 Sq Ft in ground and first floor, having BBMP PID No.68-6-333and presently within the jurisdiction of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike ("BBMP") Ward No.151 & bounded by East By: Road (7thA Main Road); West By: Site bearing No.316; North By: Site bearing No.334; South By: Site bearing No.332.

Dated this, the 17th day of March, 2023

Manjunatha Reddy. R,
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GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
Public Works Department
Executive Engineer PWD Division Chikkodi

Phone No. : 08338/ 273859 E-Mail: eepwdckd@gmail.com

No/PWD/CKD DIV/AE-2/TENDER/2022-23/8232 DATE: 15/03/2023

Time Extension e-Tender Notification-2

Short term tender notification No. PWD/CKD DIV/AE-2/TENDER/2022-23/7480 Dated 20/02/2023 was called & First time extension is made vide this Office Notification No. 7977 Dated: 10/03/2023. Now Second time extension is made for the works at Sl No. 1 & 3 to 10, is as below.

Calendar of events for the works at Sl No. 4: 1)Pre-bid meeting date: 20-03-2023 at 11.00 AM, at The O/o the under signed. 2)Last date for queries & clarifications : 21-03-2023 up to 5.30 PM, 3)Last Date of Receipt of Bids : 23-03-2023 up to 5.00 PM, 4)Date of opening of Technical bids (Two Cover System): 25-03-2023 at 4.30 PM, 5)Date of opening of Financial bids (Two Cover System): "after approval of Technical bids"

Calendar of events for the works at Sl No. 1 to 3 & 5 to 9:
1)Pre-bid meeting date: 23-03-2023 at 11.00 AM, at The O/o the under signed. 2)Last date for queries & clarifications :24-03-2023 up to 5.30 PM, 3)Last Date of Receipt of Bids :27-03-2023 up to 5.00 PM, 4)Date of opening of Technical bids (Two Cover System): 29-03-2023 at 4.30 PM, 5)Date of opening of Financial bids (Two Cover System): "after approval of Technical bids"

All other conditions of the tender remain unchanged.

Sd/-Executive Engineer
PWD Division Chikkodi.

DIPR/BGM/RO-NO-2081/KSMCA/2022-23

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
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Office of the Executive Engineer, PWD Bangalore Division,
2nd Floor, PWD Annexure Building, K.R. Circle, Bangalore - 01
Telephone No. 080-22133370, **Fax No.** 080-22133365
Email ID: eepwdbngdn@yahoo.com
E-Portal : https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in

Tender Notification No. 64/2022-23
Dated : 15.03.2023

Item-rate tenders, for the work in No.02 North, Anekel, Doddaballapura & South Sub Division under this office noted below, are invited by the undersigned on behalf of the Governor of Karnataka in accordance with Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement rules 2000 and as per Standard Tender Documents for procurement of works from the contractors registered in K.P.W.D. as per e-procurement procedure.Tender Notification are Published for 14 works **(Rs. 9.97 to 490.00 Lakhs)** Details of the tender works can be obtained from the above Office during office hours on working days. **EMD & Tender processing fees are mentioned in E-procurement portal.**

Eligible contractors interested in tendering for the work may apply for the tender through e-procurement.

1.Tender documents may be downloaded from the e-procurement portal of the Government of Karnataka from Dated: **16.03.2023** onwards. **2.** Tenders must be submitted online through e-procurement portal on or before **4:30** hours on dated **23.03.2023. 3.** The opening of tenders through e-procurement portal on dated **24.03.2023** at **4.30** hours or further date and time will be Intimate.

For more details can be had from e-procurement portal **(http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in)**

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
PWD, Bangalore Division, Bangalore.

DIPR/CP/5343/Zen/2022-23

ಮೈಸೂರು ಮಹಾನಗರಪಾಲಿಕೆ

ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರವರ ಕಛೇರಿ, ವಾವಿನೀಸ&ಒಚ (ಪೂರ್ವ) ವಿಭಾಗ,
ವಾವಿನೀಸ ಆವರಣ, ಯಾದಗಿರಿ, ಮೈಸೂರು

ಟೆ.ಪ್ರಸಂ.: ಮೈನಪಾ/ಕಾಇಂ/ವಾವಿನೀಸ&ಒಚ(ಪೂರ್ವ)/ಟಿಎನ್–17/1575/2022–23 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 16.03.2023

ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಇ–ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಮಾತ್ರ ಮೈಸೂರು ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆಯ ವಿವಿಧ ಲೆಕ್ಕ ಶೀರ್ಷಿಕೆಯಾದ ನಗರಪಾಲಿಕೆ ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ನಿಧಿ ಅನುದಾನದಡಿ ಹಾಗೂ 15ನೇ ಹಣಕಾಸು ಅನುದಾನದಡಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳಿಗೆ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ವಿವರ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡಂತಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

ಕ್ರ ಸಂ.	ವಿವರ	ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ	ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಮೊತ್ತ (ರೂ.ಲಕ್ಷಗಳಲ್ಲಿ)
1	ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು (ವಾ.ವಿ.ನೀ.ಸ& ಒಚ (ಪೂರ್ವ) ವಿಭಾಗ)	16 ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ	148.40
		Service Tender	
		3 ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ	88.50

ಇ–ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಚಾಲ್ತಿಗೆ ಬರುವ ದಿ: 16.03.2023 ಸಂಜೆ 5.30 ಗಂಟೆ ನಂತರ. **ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿ:** 23.03.2023 ಸಂಜೆ 5.30 ಗಂಟೆ ಒಳಗೆ. **ಟೆಂಡರ್/ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿ:** 24.03.2023 ಸಂಜೆ 5.45 ಗಂಟೆ ನಂತರ.

ವಿಶೇಷ ಸೂಚನೆ: ಮುಂದೆ ಯಾವುದೇ ಸೂಚನೆ/ಬದಲಾವಣೆ/ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿಗಳಿದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾತ್ರ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು ಮತ್ತು ಯಾವುದೇ ಪತ್ರಿಕಾ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಹೊರಡಿಸಲಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ.

ಸಹಿ/– ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು

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KARNATAKA URBAN WATER SUPPLY & DRAINAGE BOARD

Jalbhavan, BTM Layout, Bannerghatta Road,
Bengaluru - 560 029. Phone : 080 – 4110 6505
e-mail:cekwbbng@gmail.com Website: https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in

No.KWB/CE(B)/AMRUT2.0/2457/2022-23 Dtd: 16/03/2023

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through Electronic Procurement portal only)

The following tenders are invited (two cover system) through e-Procurement from eligible Agency/Contractors as detailed below:

Name and description of work: (1) Tender for the work of Improvements of water supply facilities to Challakere City under AMRUT - 2.0" through Design, Build, Operate and Transfer (DBOT) (Lumpsum Tender without Variation) mode including 5 years of O & M period (including defects liability period of 1 year).

No.KUWSDB/2022-23/WS/WORK_INDENT 3360.

Approximate value of work (Rs. in Crore) (Excluding GST): 22.04 (CAPEX:20.88 + OPEX: Rs.1.16). EMD: (Rs. in lakhs) (Including GST): 26.00. Tender Processing fee (Rs.): As per e-procurement portal. Period of completion Including monsoon (months): 12.

Calendar of Events:- (1) Date and time for commencement of downloading of Document: **18.03.2023 after 11:30 hours. (2)** Date and Time of Pre-bid meeting: **01.04.2023 at 11:30 hours. (3)** Last date and time for submission / uploading of the tender in the e-procurement portal: **17.04.2023 upto 17:30 hours. (4)** Date & Time of Opening of the Technical bids: **20.04.2023 after 11:00 hours.**

For further details, the Office of the Chief Engineer, KUWS & D Board, Bangalore, may please be contacted or website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** or e-Procurement **helpdesk 080-4601 0000/080-6894 8777,** email support: **hphelpdesk.blr @intarvo.com.**

Sd/-
CHIEF ENGINEER (B),
KUWS & D BOARD, BENGALURU

DIPR/CP/AAPL/RO5339/22-23

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ

ಪಂಚಾಯತ್‌ರಾಜ್ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರಿಂಗ್ ವಿಭಾಗ, ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ.

ಸಂ:ಸಂ: ಕಾಪಾಇಂ/ಪಂರಾಇಂ/ವಿ/ದಾ/ಕಿ.ಇಂ/ಟೆಂಡರ್/2022–23/4404
ದಿನಾಂಕ:–14/03/2023

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ (ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮೂಲಕ)

ಈ ವಿಭಾಗ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯ ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ, ವಿವಿಧ ಲೆಕ್ಕಶೀರ್ಷಿಕೆ ಯೋಜನೆಯಡಿ ಅನುಮೋದನೆಯಾದ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳನ್ನು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯಪಾಲರ ಪರವಾಗಿ ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೋಂದಾಯಿತ ಅರ್ಹ ಹಾಗೂ ಇ–ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ನೋಂದಾಯಿಸಲ್ಪಟ್ಟ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಇಲಾಖಾ ನಿಯಮಾವಳಿಯ ಮೇರೆಗೆ ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಐಟಂವಾರು ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಕೆ.ಡಬ್ಲ್ಯೂ ನಮೂನೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಫಾರಂಗಳನ್ನು ಭರ್ತಿ ಮಾಡಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ:23/03/2023 ಸಂಜೆ 4.00 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗೆ ಈ ಕಛೇರಿಯ ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:08192–250156 ಅಥವಾ www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯ ಬಹುದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

ವಾಸಾಇ/ಡಿವಿಜಿ/1064/
ಕೆಸ್‌ಎಂಸಿಎ/2022–23

ಸಹಿ/– ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್,
ಪಂ.ರಾ.ಇಂ.ವಿಭಾಗ, ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ.

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ

KOPPAL INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES (R), KOPPAL (ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರಕಾರದ ಸ್ವಾಯತ್ತ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆ)

ನೊಂದಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:KOL-S243-2012-13 ದಿನಾಂಕ:15–03–2013
Website :www.kimskoppal.karnataka.gov.in
email :directorkimskoppal@gmail.com
Office : 08539 225522 CAO : 08539-225523

NO.KIMS/KOPPAL/SUP/TENDER/70 Date: 15.03.2023

TENDER-NOTIFICATION

Tender is invited for Supply Tablets, Capsules & IV Fluids to District Teaching Hospital KIMS Koppal for the period of Two Years (02) i.e. **2023-24 & 2024-25** on Rate Contract basis in a two bid system through e-procurement portal of Government of Karnataka http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in from interested Tenderers. Tender Start Date: **18/03/2023** Tender Last Date: **17/04/2023** Tender Approx Cost: **Rs. 369.08** Lakhs. The detailed tender schedule & other terms and conditions of tender can be viewed in tender document.

Sd/-Director, KIMS, Koppal.

DIPR/Koppal/749/KSMCA/2022-23

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

ZILLA PANCHAYATH, RAMANAGARA
RURAL DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION DIVISION, RAMANAGARA

Tender Notification No. 75/EE/RDW&SD/RMG/TENDER/AE-2/JJM/2884/2022-23 Date : 17-03-2023

The RURAL WATER SUPPLY AND SANITATION Division Ramanagara is inviting on behalf of Governor of Karnataka State under Two cover bid system as per the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement ACT 1999 and Rules 2000 - STANDARD BID DOCUMENT KW-3 & KW-4 for water supply works **under JJM** through e-procurement from Registered Contractors as per the schedule given below.

* **Max Amount Put to Tender: Rs. 175.84 Lakhs EMD: Rs. 2,64,000.00/-**
* **Min Amount Put to Tender : Rs. 91.92 Lakhs EMD: Rs. 1,84,000.00/-**
* **Period of Contract: 06 Months**
* **Pre Bid Meeting: 20-03-2023 at 11.00 A.M. onwards at O/o. Executive Engineer, 3rd Floor, Panchayath Bhavan Ramanagara - 562159**
* **Last Date for submission of Tender : 24-03-2023 Upto 5.00 P.M.**
* **Opening of Technical Bid of the Tender : 27-03-2023 at 11.00 A.M. onwards**
* **Opening of Financial Bid of the Tender : 29-03-2023 at 11.00 A.M. onwards.**

For further particulars / details may avail from the office of the undersigned during office hours on all working days and may visit the website **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in.**

Sd/- Executive Engineer
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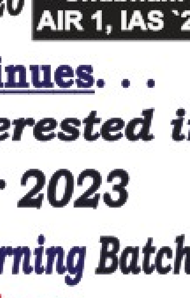

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LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE 57th ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE MAYOHALL UNIT AT BANGALORE (CCH-58)
O.S. NO. 26898/2022
Hg. 20/04/2023

Between
ICICI Bank Limited,
Having its Registered office at Landmark, Race Course Circle, Vadodara - 390 007 and having its Corporate office at ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai - 400 051 and its branch office at Mystree Centre, 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore - 560 068
Represented by its POA Holder Sri. Pramodh Gurumallappa **...Plaintiff**
And
Golden Star Support Services Private Limited & Others
...Defendants

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT NO. 1

To,
D1. Golden Star Support Services Private Limited, Represented by its Director, No. A5, NGEF Ancillary Industrial Estate, Mahadevapura, Bangalore - 560 048

WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted above said suit against you for recovery of Rs. 15,95,631/- (Rupees Fifteen Lakh Ninety Five Thousand Six Hundred Thirty One Only) together with interest @ 24% p.a., cost of the suit and to grant such other or further order relief. The above mentioned Defendant hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble 57th Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge (CCH-58) in person or through a Counsel who can able to answer the claim made against you on 20.04.2023 at 11:00 a.m. failing which the suit is heard and disposed ex-parte.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Hon'ble Court on this. 28.02.2023

BY ORDER OF THE HON'BLE COURT
DEPUTY REGISTRAR
CITY CIVIL COURT MAYOHALL UNIT BANGALORE

ADVOCATE FOR PLAINTIFF
SA Associates
No. 10, 7th Cross, Victoria Layout
Bangalore- 560 047

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Represented by its POA Holder Sri. Pramodh Gurumallappa **...Plaintiff**
And
Sri. Jagadish Prasad Sharma & Another
...Defendants

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT NO.1

To,
D1. Sri. Jagadish Prasad Sharma, S/o Sri. Pramanand, Aged about 63 years, Proprietor of Panchami Garments, No.277, 1st Floor, Shop No.101, DJ Market, Near NKS Plaza, Old Tharagpet, Bangalore- 560 053

WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted above said suit against you for recovery of **Rs.10,28,649/- (Rupees Ten Lakh Twenty Eight Thousand Six Hundred Forty Nine Only)** together with interest **@ 24% p.a.,** cost of the suit and to grant such other or further order relief. The above mentioned Defendant hereby summoned to appear before the **Hon'ble 57th Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge (CCH-58)** in person or through a Counsel who can able to answer the claim made against you on **20.04.2023** at **11.00 a.m.** failing which the suit is heard and disposed ex-parte.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Hon'ble Court on this 28.02.2023.

BY ORDER OF THE HON'BLE COURT
DEPUTY REGISTRAR,
CITY CIVIL COURT, MAYOHALL UNIT, BANGALORE

ADVOCATE FOR PLAINTIFF
S A Associates,
No. 10, 7th Cross, Victoria Layout, Bangalore- 560 047

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client Mr.SIBY JOSEPH intent to purchase the schedule Property from M/s. Road Transport Corporation a partnership firm having its registered office at No.40, II main, C.K.C garden, Mission Road, Bangalore-560027 represented by its partners and vendors Mr. VIKAS GOYAL & MR. VINAY GOYAL they are the absolute owners of the partnership firm and there are no other partners in the Firm. If anyone have any claim or right to the title of the schedule property may make the objections to the undersigned within 10 days from the date of publication failing which it will be construed that no one have claim of the Schedule Property.

All that piece and parcel of the Flat measuring 1173 Sq.ft together with undivided share of 449 Sq.ft Bearing Door No.8/5, MC Nichols Road, Egmore Village, Chetpet, Chennai-600031. Comprised in R.S. No 362/3, part in the total extent of 2 Grounds 670 Sq.ft within the Sub Registrar of Periamet and Registration District of Madras Central.

V.GIRISH KUMAR
ADVOCATE
83/88, Aspiran Garden,
Kilpauk, Chennai-10

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client Mr.SIBY JOSEPH intent to purchase the schedule Property from M/s. SOUTH EASTERN ROADWAYS, a partnership firm having its registered office at No.40, II main, C.K.C garden, Mission Road, Bangalore-560027 represented by its partners and vendors Mr. VIKAS GOYAL & MR. VINAY GOYAL they are the absolute owners of the partnership firm and there are no other partners in the Firm. If anyone have any claim or right to the title of the schedule property may make the objections to the undersigned within 10 days from the date of publication failing which it will be construed that no one have claim of the Schedule Property.

All that piece and parcel of the Flat measuring 1384 Sq.ft together with undivided share of 529.81 Sq.ft Bearing Door No.8/5, MC Nichols Road, Egmore Village, Chetpet, Chennai-600031. Comprised in R.S. No 362/3, part in the total extent of 2 Grounds 670 Sq.ft within the Sub Registrar of Periamet and Registration District of Madras Central.

V.GIRISH KUMAR
ADVOCATE
83/88, Aspiran Garden,
Kilpauk, Chennai-10

PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I, KUMARA Singarahalli Ramanjanappa, R/o #23, LIG 707, 4th Phase, Yelahanka New Town, Bengaluru-560064 have changed minor Son's name from Advik Kumara to Nihal Kumara vide affidavit dt: 17.03.2023 sworn before Notary B.V.Nagabhushana, B'luru.

I, RAVIKUMAR Siddasetty Thammaiah Setty, S/o Thammaiah Setty, R/a #5097, 8th B Main, Nr Sukrutha College, I Block, Dattagalli 3rd Stage, Kanakadasa Nagar, Mysore-570022, today camping at Bangalore have changed my name to Ravi Kumar Siddasetty Thammaiahsetty vide affidavit dt: 17.03.2023 sworn before Notary B.V.Nagabhushana, B'luru

PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I, ARUNA, W/o.No.JC32742N, Rank: Sub Maj. Name: Banumu Vasudeva Reddy, residing at No.2793, 16th Cross, 6th Main, BSK 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560070 state that I have changed my name from Aruna to Aruna.V.Reddy and my correct D.O.B is 08.01.1948 vide Affidavit dated 16.03.2023 sworn before Notary Mohammed Hussain.K, Bangalore.

I, JAYARAM Veerabadraiah, R/o #1, 1st Block, 3rd Cross, Akshay Nagar, Ramamurthy Nagar, Bengaluru-560016 have changed my minor Son's name from Shiva Teja Jayaram to Yashvardhan.J vide affidavit dt: 17.03.2023 sworn before Notary B.V.Nagabhushana, B'luru.

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE 73rd ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE, MAYOHALL AT BENGALURU (CCH-74)
ORIGINAL SUIT NO. 25235 OF 2022

BETWEEN:
ICICI BANK LTD.
A body corporate incorporated And registered under the Indian Companies Act, 1956 and licensed As a Bank under the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 having Registered Office at: "Landmark", Race Course Circle, Vadodara - 390007 And having its Regional office at ICICI Bank Ltd., 11th Floor, C-Wing, Mittal Tower, M.G. Road, Bengaluru- 560 001, And represented by its POA Holder, Sri. Pramodh G, S/o Gurumalappa. Age : 47 years.
...PLAINTIFF
AND :
Mr. Manikandan G
...DEFENDANT

Summons/Notice through Paper Publication

Defendant
Mr. MANIKANDAN G
Aged about 49 years, S/o Govindaraj, R/at No. 301, Divya Jyothi Emerald Kasavanahalli, Opp. Karnataka Bank, Bengaluru-560 065 **...DEFENDANT**

WHEREAS the above named Plaintiff has instituted case against you for recovery loan amount **Rs. 05,02,914/-** together with interest at the rate 24% p.a. from date of due to till the date of realization.

You are hereby summoned to appear before this Hon'ble LXXIII Addl. City Civil and Sessions Judge Court (CCH-74) in person or by a advocate/pleader on **26.05.2023** at **11.00 A.M.** to answer the questions of the same. Failing which the matter will be heard and determined as **"EX-PARTE".**

Given under my hand and seal of the Court on this the 14th day of March, 2023.

By Order of the Hon'ble Court
Deputy Registrar,
City Civil Court, Mayohall Unit, Bangalore

Advocate For Plaintiff
Mr. K.N. Arvinda Navaya
Advocate
#425/1/21-2, 1st Floor, 4th Cross, BTS Road, Wilson Garden, Bangalore - 560027

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE 13th ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE MAYOHALL UNIT AT BANGALORE (CCH-22)
O.S. NO. 26785/2022

Between
ICICI Bank Limited,
Having its Registered office at Landmark, Race Course Circle, Vadodara - 390 007 and having its Corporate office at ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai - 400 051 and its branch office at Mystree Centre, 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore - 560 068
Represented by its POA Holder Sri. Pramodh Gurumallappa **...Plaintiff**
And
Sri. Manjunath MS
...Defendant

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT

To,
Sri. Manjunath MS, S/o Sri. P Shivalingaiah, Aged about 44 years, No.1024, 1st Floor, 4th Cross, Jyothinagar, Chandra Layout, Bangalore - 560 002

WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted above said suit against you for recovery of Rs. 3,49,482/- (Rupees Three Lakh Forty Nine Thosuand Four Hundred Eighty Two Only) together with interest @ 24% p.a., cost of the suit and to grant such other or further order relief. The above mentioned Defendant hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble 13th Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge (CCH-22) in person or through a Counsel who can able to answer the claim made against you on 20.04.2023 at 11.00 a.m. failing which the suit is heard and disposed ex-parte.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Hon'ble Court on this. 02.03.2023

BY ORDER OF THE HON'BLE COURT
DEPUTY REGISTRAR
MAYOHALL UNIT BANGALORE

ADVOCATE FOR PLAINTIFF
SA Associates
No. 10,7th Cross, Victoria Layout
Bangalore- 560047

LEGAL NOTICE

In the court of The I Additional Senior Civil Judge:: Nellore. A.P
E.A.No.72/2020
E.P.No.293/2011
O.S.No.186/2001

1. Nellore Yasodamma and 2 Others ... Claim Petitioners
Vs
1. Nellore Vajramma and 2 Others ... Respondents

NOTICE TO 2nd RESPONDENT

Nellore Venkata Subba Reddy Son of Chandrasekhar Reddy, R/o. B-4, Gunina Helix, Opp: Icon School, Doddathoguru, Electronics City Phase-I, Electronic City, Bangalore, Karnataka-560100.

The Claim petitioners filed the above claim petition in E.A.No.72/ 2020, in the said E.P. and the same is posted for your notice to **27-03-2023.** Hence, you are hereby attend on that day before the court by 10-30 A.M., in person or through Advocate and file your objections if any. Otherwise, the court will be pass orders in the above E.A.No. 72/2020, in your absence.

B.Sreenivasan, B.Sc., B.L.,
Advocate For The Claim Petitioners, Nellore. A.P.,

IN THE COURT OF THE XLII ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL &SESSIONS JUDGE AT BENGALURU (CCH-43)
O.S. NO. 1971/2021

Between
M/s ICICI Bank Limited, having its registered office at : Landmark, Race- Course Circle, Vadodara- 390007 and branch office at : 4/10, Mythree Tower, Bommanahalli, Hosur Main Road, Bengaluru- 560068 through its Authorised representative. Mr. Pramodh. G **...Plaintiff**
And
Mr. Pamidi Chiranjeevi
...Defendant

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION UNDER ORDER V RULE 20 OF CPC

Defendant :
Mr. Pamidi Chiranjeevi, S/o Ravanaiah Pamidi, Aged about 30 Years, Residing at 877/A, First Floor, 2nd House, 5th Cross, Chowdeswari Layout, Near Bus Stop, Marathahalli, Bengaluru- 560016.

Whereas the plaintiff above named has instituted the above suit for recovery of money for sum of **Rs.5,17,208/-** along with interest at the rate of 24% P.A. against you, and you are summoned to appear before the XLII Addl. City Civil & Sessions Judge at Bengaluru **(C.C.H.-43),** in person or by a pleader, on the day of **24/05/2023** at **11:00 AM** to answer the claim, failing to which the suit would be disposed of Ex-Parte.

Given under my hand and seal of the court on this the 7th day of March, 2023 at Bangalore.

By Order of the Court
Assistant Registrar
Hon'ble City Civil Court
Bengaluru

Advocate for Plaintiff
B.S. Jeevan Kumar
Vidhii Partners, Advocates, No. 701, Queens Corner 'A', 3, Queens Road, Bengaluru- 01.

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE 57th ADDL CITY CIVIL JUDGE MAYOHALL UNIT AT BANGALORE (CCH-58)
O.S. NO. 26801/2022

Between
ICICI Bank Limited,
Having its Registered office at Land Mark, Race Course Circle, Vadodara- 390 007 and having its Corporate office at ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai- 400 051 and its branch office at Mystree Centre, # 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore - 560 068
Represented by its POA Holder
Sri. Pramodh Gurumallappa **...Plaintiff**
And
Sri. Pragnesh Kumar M Kansagar ... Defendant

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT

To,
Sri. Pragnesh Kumar M Kansagar, S/o. Sri. Chethana P Kansagar, Aged about 46 years, Flat No. 310, Floor No. 3rd United S Cross, NDRA Block, B 741 and 743, KR Pura Hobli, East of Horamavu Agra Lake, Bangalore- 560 051

WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted above said suit against you for recovery of **Rs. 8,52,615/- (Rupees Eight Lakh Fifty Two Thousand Six Hundred Fifteen Only)** together with interest @ 24% p.a., cost of the suit and to grant such other or further order relief. The above mentioned Defendant hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble 57th Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge (CCH- 58) in person or through a Counsel who can able to answer the claim made against you on **20/04/2023** at **11.00 a.m.** failing which the suit is heard and disposed ex-parte.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Hon'ble court on this 1st March,2023

BY ORDER OF THE HON'BLE COURT
Deputy Registrar
City Civil Court
Mayohall Unit, Bangalore

ADVOCATE FOR PLAINTIFF
SA Associates,
No.10, 7th Cross, Victoria Layout, Bangalore- 560 047

TENDERS

KERALA STATE INDUSTRIAL ENTERPRISES LTD.
(A Government of Kerala Undertaking)
Thiruvananthapuram – 14, Phone: 0471-2326947, www.ksie.net, email:infra.ksieltd@gmail.com

E-TENDER

Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Flow Wrap Machine with conveyors for Production Line 1 at Kerala Soaps Factory, Vellayil, Kozhikode. For more details and tender form visit https://etenders.kerala.gov.in

16.03.2023 MD, KSIE

INBRIEF

Water museum inaugurated

A unique museum that narrates the history of 128 years of water supply to the capital city was inaugurated on Saturday. Minister C.N. Ashwath Narayan dedicated the museum set up at a cost of ₹6.81 crore on the premises of BWSSB (18 cross Malleswaram). Speaking on the occasion, he said the museum had been launched on the birthday of late Kannada actor Puneet Rajkumar keeping in mind his love for nature and the environment. The history of water supply to the city of Bengaluru has been recreated in the museum.

Vistara to operate flights from KIA Terminal 2 from March 26

Vistra will shift its operations to Terminal 2 of Kempegowda International Airport starting March 26. It'll be the third airline to do so after Star Air and AirAsia India. Located on the northeastern side of Terminal 1, T2 spans 255,661 sq.m. and is equipped to handle 25 million passengers annually. It was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on November 11, 2022.

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'Uri Gowda-Nanje Gowda' triggers a war of words

Reiterating that Vokkaligas were being insulted by the BJP that is portraying them as killers of a freedom fighter, former Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy took exception to the registration of the film title with the Karnataka Film Chamber of Commerce, and accused film producer and BJP Minister Munirathna of taking the title under the Vrushabhadri Productions. "The BJP is trying to sow seeds of poison through lies and myth, and it has turned its attention on Vokkaligas. This is a hidden agenda by the BJP to insult Vokkaligas through a smear campaign. By attempting to make a film on Uri Gowda and Nanje Gowda, attempts are being made to rob the Vokkaliga pride on the silver screen," he tweeted.

The Uri Gowda-Nanje Gowda issue took serious a political turn last Sunday after an arch in their name was erected on the outskirts of Mandya during the visit of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The arch, however, was removed later by the district administration, but it triggered a war of words between ruling BJP on the hand and the Congress and JD(S) on the other.

Mr. Kumaraswamy said that these were attempts to make Vokkaligas look like villains permanently in the history. "What is the relationship between Mr. Munirathna and Vokkaligas? Who will write the script for the film? Will it be BJP general secretary C.T. Ravi or Minister C.N. Ashwath Narayan? They are sowing seeds of hatred against the community to which they are born into."

Meanwhile, providing another twist to the controversy, Mr. Ravi - without providing any historical reference to back his claim - said that if Tipu Sultan or Tipu Sultan's ideology was alive, Hassan district would have been named as Khaimabad. Reacting to Mr. Kumaraswamy's tweets, Mr. Ravi told reporters at Kundgol in Dharwad district that the characters of Uri Gowda and Nanje Gowda are a historical truth. "I have never indulged in caste-based politics. I think he (Mr. Kumaraswamy) wants to call Hassan as Khaimabad," he claimed.

Union Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Shobha Karandlaje claimed that Uri Gowda and Nanje Gowda fought for independence. "The duo protected the Mysore royal family. Instead of feeling proud of their achievement, why is Congress-JD(S) feeling shy in accepting it." "They are not a new creation. Their names are found in *lavanis* and several dramas in the Mysore kingdom. But you cannot accept it. Because of your policy, they are not part of history," she told reporters in Bengaluru.

Revenue Minister R. Ashok, who had earlier backed the Uri Gowda-Nanje Gowda narrative, said: "It is not good to bring caste issue into politics during elections. Uri Gowda-Nanje Gowda issue has nothing to do with politics. Discussion should revolve around development."

State govt. issues order hiking salary of RTC staff by 15%; unions unhappy

Strike plan remains unchanged, say employees; office-bearers of unions to meet today

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A day after Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai made an announcement about increasing the basic salary of employees of the road transport corporations (RTCs) by 15%, the State government issued the order on Friday evening.

The pay revision comes after several rounds of meetings with office-bearers of the Joint Action Committee of employees' trade unions and the managements of the corporations.

The Joint Action Committee had earlier announced that if the State government fails to increase basic salaries of the staff by 20%, employees will go on indefinite strike from March 21.

The State government started negotiations with Transport Minister B. Sriramulu making promise of hike by 10%.

Later, in the meeting with the MDs of the corporation, it was proposed to increase up to 14%, and on Thursday, the Chief Minister announced that the salary of employees will be increased by 15%.

All the four corporations (KSRTC, BMTC, NWKRTC, and KKRTC) have a workforce of 1.07 lakh. FILE PHOTO

All the four corporations (KSRTC, BMTC, NWKRTC, and KKRTC) have a workforce of 1.07 lakh employees. The pay revision for the employees has been pending since January 2020. The order issued by the State government states that 15% hike will be done in basic pay of the staff, including of officers, in basic salaries drawn during December 31, 2019. The order also states that the committee that was formed for reforming the corporation will decide on payment of arrears by consulting representatives of employees union and other stakeholders within a month.

Employee unions have expressed unhappiness over the 15% increase in the salary. B. Jayadevaraje Urs, an office-bearer in the Joint Action Committee, said: "We are not happy with the revision order. After meetings with the management of the corporations, we hoped the State government would be more considerate about our demands. We also expected that the Chief Minister would call for a meeting with the office-bearers of unions, but that did not happen. On Saturday, office-bearers will meet again and decide on a future course of action. Our stance on going on strike from March 21 has not changed."

Meanwhile, Mr. Sriramulu said that the 15% salary hike is the highest ever in the last 27 years. The pay revision for RTC employees happens every four years.

Now, BMTC bus services to go up to Chickballapur

Suchith Kidiyoor
BENGALURU

The BMTC usually provides bus services in the city and areas that fall within the 25-km radius of BBMP. FILE PHOTO

After initial resistance to the Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation's (BMTC) proposal to run city buses to Chickballapur, the management of the Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) has given its consent for extending city bus services.

The BMTC usually has the mandate to provide bus services in the city and areas that fall under the 25-km radius of BBMP. In January, a political appointee in the board of the BMTC from Chickballapur mooted the proposal of extending city bus services to Chickballapur, located 60 km from Bengaluru. Fearing loss of revenue, KSRTC had initially opposed the proposal and later, the matter was referred to the board of the corporation.

As per a letter addressed to G. Sathyavathi, MD, BMTC, by Anbu Kumar, MD of KSRTC, consent has been given to run two AC buses (Vajra services) from the city to Chickballapur. The buses will be operated on a trial run.

An official of BMTC said: "The two AC buses will be operated from Majestic to Chickballapur. The distance between two destinations is around 60 km. Once operated, services to Chickballapur are likely to be the longest route operated by the BMTC. As of now, we are operating services to Magadi, which is located 55 km from the city. There is no proposal to run ordinary buses to Chickballapur."

Health and Family Welfare and Medical Education Minister K. Sudhakar said the new bus service is an Ugadi gift for people in Chickballapur. He said it will help commuters travelling daily to Bengaluru.

Legends to perform at Mahindra Percussion Festival

Swathi Nair
BENGALURU

Some of the world's most greatest percussion legends will come together for the debut edition of the Mahindra Percussion Festival at Jayamahal Palace Hotel in Bengaluru on Saturday.

The festival, which will last a full day, will showcase a range of artists across styles, music cultures, and countries, making it a one-of-a-kind platform that traverses various music genres, all led by the beats of percussion.

A. Sivamani THE HINDU

The musical line up features some of the best-known names in the world of percussion, including composer and drummer Ranjit Barot, renowned percussionist A. Sivamani, *kanjira* exponent V. Selvaganesh, Armenian-origin American multi-instrumentalist Arto Tunçboyaciyan, and Spanish group Paquito Ensemble. In addition, drummers' group Pulse Conversations, featuring Gino Banks, Vinayak Pol, and Jai Row Kavi, Mumbai-based *konnakol* ace Viveick Rajagopalan's Ta Dhom Project, and Kerala's Chemmeen Band, featuring Aattam Kalasamithi, will also perform.

Ranjit Barot, the festival curator, expressed his delight about the upcoming event, saying: "It's wonderful to be back in Bengaluru, a city we used to visit frequently until the crackdown on live music bands." "We have a great line-up of renowned artists performing this time, creating a unique mix of rhythmic personalities. It's going to be a lot of fun."

The festival's aim is to celebrate timeless rhythms by infusing them with contemporary perspectives. The performances promise to cast a powerful and everlasting spell of percussion rhythm over the audience. Mr. Sivamani shared his excitement about performing with Mr. Barot, saying: "In the 70s, I first heard his album *Sangam*, and it really woke me up as a musician. It is from there that my journey with fusion style started."

"It's all about the drums, and you will even hear exotic percussion instruments like the *kanjira*, mridangam, and *konnakol*," explained Mohini Dey. "I am playing with Pulse Conversation and in Ranjit uncle's set and then with a flamenco guitar player; it will be a fusion of sorts," added the electric bass player. "I believe it's essential to have such festivals to keep everyone updated with the changing music scene. It's a great platform for musicians to collaborate with each other, learn about different cultures and sounds," she added.

For Armenian-origin American multi-instrumentalist Arto Tunçboyaciyan, the festival is an amalgamation of music from different cultures. "The stage becomes a canvas for artists from different countries to come together and create beautiful music, erasing borders in the process," he said.

Thirty international passengers dropped at domestic arrivals in KIA

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

There was a security lapse at the Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) as 30 passengers who had arrived from Colombo were mistakenly dropped at the domestic arrivals on Friday. Passengers of the Sri Lankan Airlines flight UL 173, which arrived at KIA at 2.30 a.m., were dropped at the domestic arrivals bus gate of terminal-1 instead of the international arrivals gate. Terminal-1 operates both international and domestic flights.

The incident was confirmed by the Bangalore International Airport Ltd. (BIAL), which operates the airport. Upon arrival at the domestic baggage claim area, the passengers realised that they were in the wrong arrival area and that there were no immigration counters to complete the immigration procedures.

The passengers are said to have alerted airport staff about the mistake. "The passengers entered the domestic baggage claim area. They were immediately moved to the international arrivals. Thereafter, the passengers proceeded to the international baggage claim area," a spokesperson said.

Tumakuru Smart city Limited, Tumakuru
Sri Mahalakshmi Arcade, S.S Puram Main Road, Coffee Board Colony, Tumakuru-572102
Website: www.smartcitytumakuru.in Phone: 0816-2278190 email: smartcitytumakuru@gmail.com CIN:U74999KA2017PLC099774
No:TSCL/Tender/CR/09/2022-23 Date: 15.03.2023
Short Term Re-Tender Notification

Tenders have been invited from eligible Suppliers / Agencies / Manufacturers for the following works of Tumakuru Smart City Limited. The eligible Bidders may apply by downloading the Tender Document through e-procurement portal www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in. For more information contact Smart City Office number 0816-2278190 and e-portal help desk number 080-22340948.
Name of the Work : 1. Enhancement of CCTV surveillance and signalling in Tumakuru. Amount put to tender : 2.50Crores. EMD Rs.3,75,000/-. Last date for bid submission : 30-03-2023. Bid opening Date : 31-03-2023
Note: Any change of date and other information of these tenders will be notified only in e-procurement portal and no further publications in Newspaper.
Sd/- Managing Director
Tumakuru Smart city Limited, Tumakuru
DIPR/TUM/1132/KSMCA/2022-23

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer, (Transport), Ground Floor, Council Building, Room No. 113, Head Office, N.R. Square, Bangalore- 560 002.
No.EE(Transport)/TND/01/2022-23 Date: 17.03.2023
INVITATION FOR TENDER
(Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only) (Two Cover System)
The Executive Engineer (Transport) invites tenders from eligible tenderers for providing the services for one year detailed in the table below:

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Qty. (Approx) and Amount put to tender	EMD (in Rs.)
1	Providing Services of Private Drivers to BBMP vehicles (LMV vehicle)	34 Nos. / Rs. 76.12 Lakhs	1,52,500/-
2	Providing Services of Private Drivers to BBMP vehicles (Ambulance)	20 Nos. Rs. 44.78 Lakhs	90,000/-

1) Tender documents may be downloaded from GOK e-Procurement portal **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** w.e.f **18.03.2023 at 5:30 pm**. **2)** Pre-bid meeting: 21.03.2023 at 4:30 pm. **3)** Last date & time for uploading the tenders: **24.03.2023 upto 5:30 pm**. **4)** Date of opening of Technical Bid: **27.03.2023 at 11:30am**. Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours & also from website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**
Sd/- Executive Engineer (Transport)

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
Public Works Department
Executive Engineer PWD Division Chikkodi
No/PWD/CKD DIV/AE-3/TENDER/2022-23/8224 DATE: 15/03/2023
Short Term E-Tender Notification (Call-2)

Executive Engineer PWD Division Chikkodi has invited item wise short term e-Retenders from Eligible registered contractors for the works coming under the jurisdiction of Chikodi PWD Division 1 work under head of account 5054-SH Improvements, 1 work under head of account 5054-MDR Improvements and 1 work under head of account 3054-SH Maintenance. Totally 3 No. of works, Amount put to tender is minimum of Rs. 40.00 and maximum of Rs. 250.00 Lakhs.

Calendar of events :1)Pre-bid meeting date: 20-03-2023 at 11.00 AM, at The O/o the under signed, 2)Last date for queries & clarifications : 21-03-2023 up to 5.30 PM, 3)Last Date of Receipt of Bids : 23-03-2023 up to 5.00 PM, 4)Date of opening of Technical bids (Two Cover System): 25-03-2023 at 4.30 PM, 5)Date of opening of Financial bids (Two Cover System): "after approval of Technical bids"

For more information & forms of tender can be downloaded from www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in & departmental web site www.kpwd.gov.in. Further details can be collected from O/o Executive Engineer Public Works Dept.,Division Chikkodi during working hours.

Sd/-Executive Engineer
PWD Division Chikodi.
DIPR/BGM/RO-NO-2078/KSMCA/2022-23

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ
ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರವರ ಕಛೇರಿ, ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ, ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ ವಿಭಾಗ, ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ.
ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಸಂ: ಐಎಫ್‌ಟಿ-61/ಜೆಇ/2022-23/3849 ದಿನಾಂಕ:- 16.03.2023
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1	NAME OF CORPORATE PERSON	**INCREV INDIA SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED**
2	DATE OF INCORPORATION OF CORPORATE PERSON	**17/11/2006**
3	AUTHORITY UNDER WHICH CORPORATE PERSON IS INCORPORATED/ REGISTERED	**ROC-BANGALORE, MINISTRY OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS**
4	CORPORATE IDENTITY NUMBER / LIMITED LIABILITY IDENTITY NUMBER OF CORPORATE PERSON	**U72200KA2006PTC040965**
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> It's just putting everything that you've done in practice into the race to the point where you're just letting your body do what it does

Queen Sydney looks to expand her empire

McLaughlin-Levrone has broken the 400m hurdles world record an incredible four times. The serial winner wants to continue pushing the limits of the event but is also eyeing forays into the 400m flat and the 100m hurdles

Associated Press
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Only a few athletes in track and field's long history have dominated their event in the manner in which Sydney McLaughlin-Levrone has monopolised the 400m hurdles.

In the hurdles world before McLaughlin-Levrone, it took years to shave fractions of seconds off records, and winning races didn't always mean rewriting history. But the once-in-a-lifetime athlete is obliterating that mindset as quickly as she is destroying records.

She has run five of the six fastest times in history. And in an astonishing 13-month period between June 2021 and July 2022, she broke the world record on four occasions!

The last and most staggering of those runs came at last year's World Championships on a clear night at Hayward Field in Eugene, Oregon.

In a consummate display that combined athleticism, technique and strategy, McLaughlin-Levrone left a loaded field for dead from the gun. At the 150-metre mark, her biggest rivals, Femke Bol and Dalilah Muhammad, were playing catch-up. By the time the American reached the final curve, it was clear this would strictly be a race against the clock.

McLaughlin-Levrone hared through to the tape in a stunning 50.68 seconds, demolishing her world mark of 51.41s, set a month earlier. If that weren't jaw-dropping enough, consider this perspective: her time after negotiating 10 hurdles over 400m would have seen her beat two runners in the women's flat 400m final at the same World Championships!

> I think anything is possible. It's just a matter of preparation, determination and putting all the pieces together on the day

She ran just once more in 2022 before taking a break to marry American football player Andre Levrone. But she had done enough in a superlative shortened season to be named the World Athlete of the Year alongside pole vaulter Armand Duplantis.

Her absence from the track has made athletics fans miss her all the more – there is a sense of heightened anticipation over her return because the possibilities this season are enticing.

Will she be able to get back to her best after the time off? Can the rapidly improving Bol challenge her supremacy? And will McLaughlin-Levrone break her mark again at the World Championships in Budapest in August?

Answering these questions requires an understanding of what makes the 23-year-old so special. The mix of improved track surfaces and new technology in the spikes that hurdling great Edwin Moses compared to "having trampolines on your shoes" has no doubt helped her on her record-busting spree, but others of her generation have access to this, as well.

McLaughlin-Levrone's natural athleticism is one of the points of difference. Born into a family of athletes – her father almost made the 1984 American Olympic team for the 400m and her mother was a high-school runner – young Sydney's prodigious talent was apparent very early.

She dominated the junior ranks, proving to be an impressive all-round athlete who excelled in hurdling events and was competitive in flat sprints. At 18, she set personal bests of 50.07 in the 400m, 22.39 in the 200m and clocked a wind-assisted 11.07 in the 100m.

The 400m hurdles final at the 2019 World Championships was a turning point. The premier 400m hurdler of the time, Muhammad, broke the world record for a second time with a mark of 52.16s to take gold. McLaughlin, as she was known then, lost by a mere 0.07 seconds. The defeat stung the then 20-year-old, but she also knew she was within touching distance of glory.

Fruitful partnership

There was no looking back after connecting with coach Bob Kersee, who has guided several greats, including his legendary wife Jackie Joyner-Kersee, to Olympic and World success.

Kersee's coaching regimen began to pay quick dividends: McLaughlin-Levrone broke the world record at the Olympic trials (51.90), the Olympics (51.46), the US nationals (51.41) and the World Championships, which witnessed the maiden voyage into times in the 50s.

"Bobby knows the sport inside and out in a way that not many people fully understand," McLaughlin-Levrone told World Athletics. "He has helped me mentally grow, not just as an athlete but as a woman. It translates through our training into competitions."

McLaughlin-Levrone said Kersee was a master at identifying how an athlete's strengths could be applied to a specific event. Her strength, she said, was her natural stride pattern – she runs with 14 strides between hurdles, while most runners take 15. "I used to think that I had to conform to what the stride pattern normally is for other athletes but we learned that it's actually a strength to use it the way that I was made," she said.

Indeed, Bol is looking to emulate McLaughlin-Levrone's stride pattern in her bid to reinvent herself and catch the greatest 400m hurdler of all time. The 6'0" Bol has, until now, run with 15 strides between each barrier, but will open her races doing 14 strides this season, much like the 5'9" McLaughlin-Levrone, who typically maintains that pattern until hurdle number seven.

The Dutch athlete's pace in the 400m flat early in the season – she set the world indoor record with a sensational 49.26 four days before her 23rd birthday in February – has whetted the appetite for her clashes with McLaughlin-Levrone in the hurdles this summer.

McLaughlin-Levrone knows she is being chased, but is eyeing loftier pursuits. "I look at that [50.68s] race and as wonderful as it was, there are still three or four mistakes that I made," she said. "Bobby has told me multiple times that I could have done better. So there's room to grow.

Nothing ruled out

"I think we're pushing the boundaries of the sport, especially in our event. At some point, we could do maybe the 400m, or maybe the 100 hurdles. Bobby says to just really enjoy the 400 hurdles while I'm doing it, and then, if you want to expand, go from there.

"This year, we'll be more in Europe on the circuit... after last year we kind of figured out our rhythm and now we'll be able to branch out a little more. I haven't run the 400 competitively in a few years. Once we decide what is best for 2023, that's what we'll do. Nothing is off the table.

"There's room in both to accomplish great things and continue pushing my times. I think anything is possible. It's just a matter of preparation, determination and putting all the pieces together on the day. So, the sky's the limit for sure."

GAME THEORY

The best under pressure

The ATP uses an Under Pressure Rating* metric to rank players based on their success in clutch situations. A look at the top 20 over the last 52 weeks on all surfaces:

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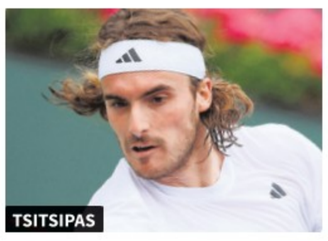
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Player	ATP's Under Pressure Rating	Break-points converted%	Break-points saved%	Tie-breaks won%	Deciding sets won%
Novak Djokovic	**249.7**	41.80%	64.30%	80.00%	63.60%
Jenson Brooksby	**248.6**	44.90%	58.70%	75.00%	70.00%
Stefanos Tsitsipas	**243.0**	41.40%	66.10%	61.40%	74.10%
Nick Kyrgios	**242.6**	44.50%	75.40%	59.10%	63.60%
Jannik Sinner	**240.2**	43.20%	63.40%	70.00%	63.60%
Cameron Norrie	**237.5**	40.90%	61.60%	64.00%	71.00%
Andy Murray	**236.7**	41.60%	59.50%	65.00%	70.60%
Brandon Nakashima	**233.0**	38.80%	61.60%	74.30%	58.30%
Alexander Zverev	**232.2**	40.20%	56.80%	76.90%	58.30%
Filip Krajinovic	**231.1**	43.10%	60.20%	50.00%	77.80%
Carlos Alcaraz	**230.7**	42.30%	64.50%	53.10%	70.80%
Hubert Hurkacz	**230.5**	35.50%	68.10%	54.50%	72.40%
Dominic Thiem	**230.0**	38.10%	58.00%	71.40%	62.50%
Yoshihito Nishioka	**230.0**	41.60%	61.00%	52.40%	75.00%
Andrey Rublev	**229.8**	38.20%	63.40%	63.00%	65.20%
Botic van de Zandschulp	**228.6**	41.00%	62.50%	64.00%	61.10%
Frances Tiafoe	**225.8**	37.00%	66.10%	68.20%	54.50%
Karen Khachanov	**225.6**	42.10%	64.70%	50.00%	68.80%
Taylor Fritz	**222.7**	38.40%	64.00%	62.20%	58.10%
Casper Ruud	**220.5**	37.70%	61.50%	63.40%	57.90%

** The ATP calculates a player's Under Pressure Rating by adding the percentage of break-points converted and saved, percentage of tie-breaks won and percentage of deciding sets won*

PICTURE THIS

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White-dirt epic

The peloton rides through the Italian countryside during the 17th edition of the Strade Bianchi earlier this month.

The Strade Bianchi is a one-day road bicycle race, beloved in the cycling community for its unique personality. The race's name — Strade Bianchi is Italian for 'white roads' — is a homage to the historic white gravel roads in the Crete Senesi.

A third of the 184 km race is ridden on the white dirt — a throwback to cycling's 'heroic era', when most races were held on unpaved paths.

The race, which starts and finishes in the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Siena, is a part of the UCI World Tour, cycling's highest professional level.

The 2023 edition, raced under sunny skies in Tuscany, was dramatic and included a chaotic moment of equine intervention.

A runaway horse almost ended Demi Vollering's race, but the Dutch rider recovered her poise to win the women's event. Britain's Tom Pidcock took the men's title.

And for the animal lovers among the readers: the horse, named Zlatana, slipped and fell at some stage during its excursion, but is reportedly doing well.

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This scribe has helped write 1,070 exams in 16 years

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Along with SSLC and PU, Pushpa has written bachelor's, master's degrees, law degrees, and PhD exams, and Bescom, Railways, India Post, and bank exams

At a time when visually-challenged students are struggling to find scribes, there is Pushpa N.M., a city-based scribe, who has helped write a total of 1,070 examinations so far. Not just blind students, but Pushpa has written examinations across various subjects and streams for students with physical and mental disabilities.

She writes examinations for people with visual impairment, cerebral palsy, Down's syndrome, autism, dyslexia, lower IQ levels, memory problems, slow writers, and regular students who meet with accidents or injuries. Along with SSLC and PU, she has written various bachelor and master's degrees, law degrees, and Ph.D. examinations, and also Bescom, railways, India Post, and bank exams.

Ms. Pushpa's journey of scribing started with a simple conversation while helping a visually-impaired person cross the road. "My education was quite tough. That conversation on the road made me think how I can help somebody and I started volunteering in 2007. It was tough initially as I kept thinking what if a candidate loses marks because of me or what if they blame me? But over the years, I have realised that our scribing should only be 20% contributor while their efforts and knowledge make up the remaining 80%," she told *The Hindu*.

When asked how she prepares before she goes scribing, Ms. Pushpa said: "I do not really prepare much as I write what they dictate. However, a good scribe should be confident while they are writing and also have good listening and grasping skills. I do not meet the students nor do I know their background. I just meet them at the hall and write their exams."

However, Ms. Pushpa has taken short-term courses in languages as she has written exams in English, Kannada, Hindi, Telugu, and Tamil. An IT professional with a start-up, she finds it easy to balance that and scribing and she follows the principals of prioritisation. "If I am working, then I give it my all. When I have three free hours, I go and scribe and give it my all too. Balancing is about your mindset."

Ms. Pushpa has won various awards and recognitions for her scribing, including the Nari Shakthi Puraskar, which was given by the President of India in 2019. "Even though we cannot help them (physically challenged) monetarily, we can do things which matter to their career and help them complete their education. Age should not be a criterion and I urge everyone who has some free time to scribe," she concluded.

Finding a scribe more stressful than exam for students with disabilities

Visually-challenged students, especially those coming from other districts, say lack of support system to find scribes makes them more nervous than attempting the examination itself

Jahnavi T.R.
BENGALURU

Students say that if universities had designated scribes, it would save them a lot of distress. FILE PHOTO

Degree examinations are soon approaching, but one set of students are facing more than just exam pangs. As has been the case from before, visually-challenged students are still struggling to find scribes. Despite a few NGOs and volunteers offering their services to students, various rules prescribed by the universities, such as the educational level of the scribe should be lower than that of the candidate, have left students worried. Most universities do not provide a scribe and leave the responsibility to the students.

Visually-challenged students, especially those who have come from other districts, said that a lack of support system to find scribes makes them more nervous than the exams themselves.

"As exams begin on March 28, I have been trying for the last one month to find a scribe and I have had no luck. Even during my II PU exams, I struggled the same way. Our future is dependent on them and yet some of them cancel the last minute and leave us in a quandary," said Santosh M.P., a student from Vijayapura studying in a college affiliated to Bangalore University.

Another student from Chikkamagaluru, Dileep, studying under Bangalore University, also shared a similar ordeal. "If I were in my hometown, I could have at least taken my younger brother or a family member. What do I do here? A few years ago, the situation was not this bad, but now some people even demand money for it and we cannot afford that. We get very little support from our college or varsity." He added that with NEP around, even Braille textbooks were not available for some newer subjects.

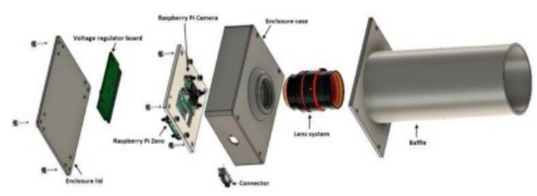
The students said that if universities had designated scribes, it would save them a lot of distress during exam seasons. "The Education Department needs awareness about the problems faced by these students. They need to create an ecosystem to find scribes. These problems are existent not just for degree students, but across the board, even for competitive exams," said Muthuraj, a volunteer, who works with visually-challenged students as well as scribes.

The officials at Bangalore University and Bangalore North University acknowledged that they do not provide scribes, but did not say much about why they do not. They said that the students must inform the principals of their college a couple weeks before the examination about their scribe and also provide a medical certificate. They also said that the scribes should neither be studying in the same stream as the candidate nor should they be more educated.

Similar rules in KSEAB

The Karnataka School Examination and Assessment Board (KSEAB) also said that the students are usually expected to bring their own scribes for SSLC and PUC exams. "The students have to take permission at the DDPI level and provide medical certificates. In some districts, if the students cannot find scribes at all, then DDPI arranges for a government school or college student to help out," said Prasanna Kumar, senior assistant director (examination), KSEAB.

Indian Institute of Astrophysics researchers develop low-cost star sensor ' Starberry-Sense'



The exploded view of the sensor developed by researchers of the Indian Institute of Astrophysics. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

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The star sensor can help small CubeSat class satellite missions find their orientation in space

Researchers at the Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA) have developed a low-cost star sensor for astronomy and small CubeSat class satellite missions.

The star sensor named Starberry-Sense can help small CubeSat class satellite missions find their orientation in space.

The Department of Science and Technology (DST) said that the Starberry-Sense is ready for launch on the PS4-Orbital Platform by ISRO and can be used for CubeSats and other small satellite missions in the future.

Costs less

Based on commercial/off-the-shelf components, this star sensor costs less than 10% of those available in the market.

The brain of the instrument is a single-board Linux computer called Raspberry Pi, which is widely used among electronics hobby enthusiasts.

"We coupled some highly optimised algorithms with a Raspberry Pi and turned it into a potent star sensor, named StarBerry-Sense. We could demonstrate that instruments built from easily available components can be qualified for space," said Bharat Chandra, Ph.D. scholar at IIA and the first author of the research, which has been published in the Journal of Astronomical Telescopes, Instruments, and Systems.

Celestial compass

"Any satellite needs to know where it is pointed in space, and the instrument used for this purpose is called a star sensor. The position of stars in the sky is fixed relative to each other and can be used as a stable reference frame to calculate the orientation of a satellite in orbit. This is done by correctly identifying the stars in the sky towards which the star sensor is pointed. The star sensor is essentially a celestial compass," DST added.

The star sensor has successfully undergone the vibration and thermal vacuum test that qualifies it for a space launch and operations, and these tests were conducted in-house at the environmental test facility located at the CREST Campus of IIA in Hosakote.

'World's biggest' field hockey tournament returns to Napoklu after a four-year gap

Darshan Devaiah B.P.
MADIKERI

Napoklu, a small town 21 km away from district headquarters Madikeri, is all set to host what is termed the world's largest field-hockey tournament, as the annual Kodava hockey festival will be held from March 18 to April 9 after a four-year gap.

The town has only three mud grounds. On Thursday, workers were seen preparing the grounds for the tournament, while temporary bleachers were up on all sides of the ground where 30,000 spectators can be accommodated, said Navin, a member of the festival organising committee, while overseeing preparations at the Napoklu General Thimayya Ground.

"In all, three grounds will be utilised for the hockey tournament and they will also be used as a back-up in case it rains," he said. Multiple galleries, lighting, speakers, and display boards have been set up on the ground. An estimated ₹1.5 crore have been spent to organise the event by the family.

The Kodava community in the hilly district conducts the inter-family hockey tournament every year where Kodava players from over 200 families come together to play. From 2018, the hockey festival was not held due to large-scale devastation caused by heavy rainfall and the COVID-19 pandemic. The sporting event has no bar on age or gender. The only rule of forming a team is that all members must be from the same family.

This year, the Appachettolanda family is organising the tournament under the aegis of Kodava Hockey Academy. "From every family, young boys and girls, men, women, and professionals, and former hockey players who have represented the State or country, will be part of the family team. Through this event, we are bringing all the Kodavas together. Most of the community members who are outside the district working in various professions come to Kodagu to be part of the sporting event like a festival," said Appachettolanda Manu Muthappa, president of the Hockey Festival Committee.

The late Pandanda Kuttappa conceived the idea of the Kodava family hockey tournament, which morphed into a major sporting event and festival in the country. "Mr. Kuttappa started the Kodava Family Hockey Tournament in 1997 and was organised by the Pandanda family first in a belief that tapping the inherent love among the Kodavas for hockey could help bring the families and the community together," Mr. Muthappa noted.

The tournament also emerged as a platform for the community members to discuss trade and business interests besides scouting for marital alliances, according to Maletira Srinivas, secretary of Kodava Hockey Academy.

"In the first tournament which was held in 1997, nearly 60 teams took part. The format of the tournament was such that every year, one of the Kodava families had to host the event. Now, over 200 families participate where 3,000 players play hockey," Mr. Srinivas said.

"Starting with the first tournament, the numbers have increased, reaching a high of 281 in 2003, where this event became the world's largest hockey tournament. Lasting three weeks, it is a single-elimination tournament and concludes on April 9," he added.

CM to inaugurate

The Kodava Hockey *Namme* (festival) is hosted by a different family each year and named after it. Families apply to the Kodava Hockey Academy expressing interest and are allotted the tournament after evaluation. There is no permanent venue; the festival has been held across the district in previous years.

On March 18, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai will inaugurate the festival. The organisers said the festival is held at an estimated cost of ₹ 1.5 crore all raised through funds.

Minor assaulted; one held

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

An eight-year-old school girl was sexually assaulted allegedly by an autorickshaw driver while on her way home from school at Ramanagara town on Thursday.

The Ramanagara women's station police have arrested the accused and booked a case under POCSO Act. The parents of the girl had appointed the auto driver to pick and drop the victim to the school. According to the police, the accused took the girl to a deserted place and sexually assaulted her. He also threatened her not to tell anyone about the incident.

The parents filed a complaint against the accused.

2 peddlers held

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The city police busted two ganja peddling rackets and arrested two peddlers. The Govindrajanagar police arrested peddler Imran Pasha, 36, resident of K.G. Halli, and another person, a resident of Bandapalli village, A.P., and recovered 6.38 kg of ganja worth ₹2.1 lakh from the accused.

Timings
BENGALURU

SATURDAY, MAR. 18		
RISE	06:25	SET 18:30
RISE	03:37	SET 15:18
SUNDAY, MAR. 19		
RISE	06:25	SET 18:30
RISE	04:30	SET 16:21
MONDAY, MAR. 20		
RISE	06:24	SET 18:30
RISE	05:19	SET 17:21

Bengaluru Weather	max	min
Tumakuru	32	23
Mysuru	34	20
Bengaluru	32	20

Bengaluru Today
32°C Morning will be slight cool with mist and haze. Day will be slight warm. Chances of light to moderate rain or thundershower at some

Bengaluru Tomorrow
33°C The day will be warm and humid. Night will be pleasant. Spell of light rain and thundershower is likely to occur at few places.

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Dak adalat

The Hindu Bureau
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Office of the Chief Postmaster, Bengaluru GPO, will hold Dak adalat on March 24, on its premises. For details, call 080-22850001/11 or mail to cpmbangaloregpo@indiapost.gov.in.

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District Urban Development Cell, DC Office, Ballari. E-mail ID: dudc_bellary@yahoo.co.in
No: DUDCB/Engineering/Vehicle & Books/01/2022-23 Date: 15.03.2023

TENDER NOTIFICATION

The Deputy commissioner, Ballari District, Ballari Invites tenders for Below mentioned work under DMF 2022-23 Scheme. The details of tender is as follows,
Name of the Works & Indent No: 01.Purchase of Mahindra & Mahindra Scorpio Classic S (7 Seater) & N (BIG DADDY) (SUV) Z4 D MT 2WD 7 STR (Seater) Vehicle for DC Office Ballari (Indent No: DMA/2022-23/IND15263). **Amount put to tender (in Lakhs): 53.69**
02. Supply of Books to 08 Government First Grade Collage Ballari Dist (Indent No: DUDC/BOOKS/FGCOLLAGE/KKRDB/2022-23). **Amount put to tender (in Lakhs): 46.30**
03. Supply of Books to 02 Government Poly technics Ballari Dist(Indent no DUDC/BOOKS/Polytech/KKRDB/2022-23). **Amount put to tender (in Lakhs): 26.10**
1.Last date & time for tender queries / clarifications: **20.03.2023 at 11.00 Hrs**
2.Last date and time for receipt of tenders: **23.03.2023 at 16.30 hrs**
3.Date & time for opening of Financial bid: **24.03.2023 at 16.30 Hrs**
4.Auto extension of tender schedule: **03 days**
Interested Agencies / Firms shall register on the e-procurement platform https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in to participate in this tender. Agencies/Firms can download and submit the tender documents from the e-procurement platform. For more details, please contact Executive Engineer, DUDC Ballari (7760848568) related to this tender.
DIPR/Ballari/1046/KSMCA/2022-23 **Sd/- Project Director, DUDC, Ballari**

KARNATAKA URBAN WATER SUPPLY & DRAINAGE BOARD
KALABURAGI ZONE, KALABURAGI
Office of the Chief Engineer, KUWS & D Board, Kalaburagi Zone,
"Jalbhavan", Rajapur, Kusnoor Road, Kalaburagi – 585105.
Tel : 08472-220817, Fax : 08472-260818 E-mail ID : kwbceklb14@gmail.com
No. KWB/CE(K)/TEC/WS/KAMLAPUR/AMRUT2/ 1634 /2022-23 Date: 17-03-2023

-: SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (2nd CALL):-

1) Detail of Work: Improvements of Water Supply Scheme to Kamalapur town in Vijayanagara District under AMRUT 2.0" including O&M for a period of 5 years (including 1 year Defects liability period) through Design, Build, operate and Transfer (DBOT) Mode (Lumpsum)- No Variation. **(KUWSDB/2022-23 / WS / WORK _INDENT 3311 /CALL-2)**, 2) Amount of Estimate : **Rs. 2543.97 Lakhs (Excluding GST)**, 3) Eligibility of Contractor: Eligible Contractors. 4) Details of Tender application amount and EMD amount: Rs.30,07,000/-, 5) Period of Completion : 18 (Eighteen Months for CAPEX), 5) Last Date and Time for Tender Queries / Clarifications: **27-03-2023 Up to 11:00 Hours,** 6) Last Date and Time for receipt of Tenders : **03-04-2023 Up to 17:00 Hours,** 7) Date and Time for Opening of Tender : **05-04-2023 After 11:00 Hours**, 8) Addl. information: Office of the Chief Engineer, KUWS & D Board, Kalaburagi Zone, "Jalbhavan", Rajapur, Kusnoor Road, Tel : 08472-220817, Fax : 08472-260818 E-mail ID : kwbceklb14@gmail.com, 9) Address of E-portal: **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in.**
Sd/- Chief Engineer
DIPR/Kalaburagi/1525/MC&A/2022-23 **KUWS & D Board, Kalaburagi Zone, Kalaburagi**

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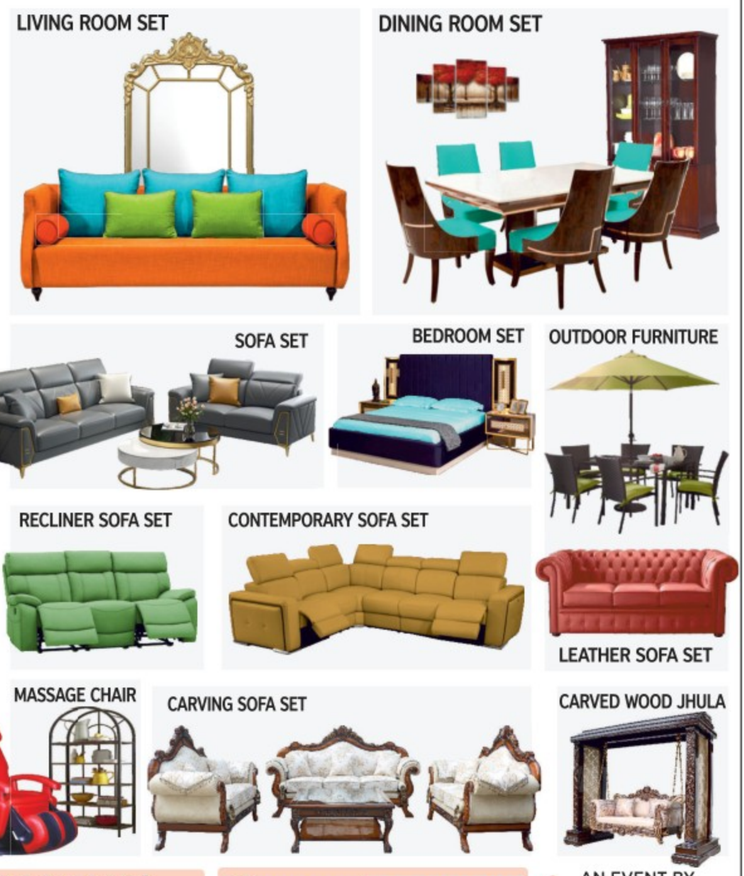

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SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Item No.1:

All that piece and parcel of the immovable Property being Land bearing Survey Number 24, situated at Madakku HosahalliVillage, Nandi Hobli, Chikkabalapur Taluk, Chikkabalapur District measuring 6 acre 20 guntas (out of 18 acres 4 guntas), and bounded on the East by: Land of Sri.Nanjundappa, West by: Land of Krishnakumari, North by:Forest Land and South by: Forest Land.

Item No.2:

All that piece and parcel of the immovable Property being Land bearing Survey Number 24, situated at Madakku Hosahalli Village, Nandi Hobli, Chikkabalapur Taluk, Chikkabalapur District measuring 4 acre 05 guntas (out of 18 acres 4 guntas), and bounded on the East by: Forest Land, West by: Land belonging to Mohsin Ali Khan, North by: Forest Land and South by: Forest Land.

Prathima.C.R, Advocate,
Room No.7, 1st floor, Janatha Building (MBS Building), 11th Cross, H.Siddaiah Road, Wilson Garden, Bangalore – 560 027

THE TAMIL NADU Dr.M.G.R. MEDICAL UNIVERSITY

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APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHANCELLOR

SEARCH COMMITTEE NOTIFICATION

The Government of Tamil Nadu vide G.O. (Ms.) No. 10, Health and Family Welfare (MCA-2) Department, dated 04.01.2023 have constituted a Search Committee to recommend a panel of three names to The Hon'ble Governor-Chancellor for selection of Vice-Chancellor, The Tamil Nadu Dr.M.G.R.Medical University, Chennai-32.

The Search Committee invites applications for the post of Vice-Chancellor, The Tamil Nadu Dr. M.G.R. Medical University, Chennai from distinguished academicians with the highest level of competence, integrity, morals, institutional commitment and possessing the educational qualifications and work experience as notified by the Government of Tamil Nadu in their G.O. Ms.No.07, Health and Family Welfare (MCA-2) Department, dated 04.01.2023 and published in Tamil Nadu Government Gazette vide Extraordinary Gazette No.05, dated 04.01.2023 copy of which is available in The Tamil Nadu Dr.M.G.R. Medical University website (**www.tnmgrmu.ac.in**). The Vice-Chancellor shall hold the office for a period of three years (provided that the person appointed as Vice-Chancellor shall retire from office, if, during the term of office, he/she attains the age of 70 years).

Interested candidates possessing the required qualifications and experience may download the prescribed application format from the website of The Tamil Nadu Dr.M.G.R. Medical University. The duly filled-in application shall be sent (only in the prescribed format) by Speed Post duly superscribing the Envelope **"Application for the post of Vice-Chancellor, The Tamil Nadu Dr.M.G.R. Medical University"** so as to reach the following address on or before **5.00 P.M.** of **18th April, 2023.**

The Nodal Officer - Search Committee
Department of Instrumentation Engineering,
MIT Campus, Anna University,
Chromepet, Chennai -600 044,
Tamil Nadu State.
E-mail: vctnmu@gmail.com

Applications received after publication of the notification in the website/newspaper alone will be considered but not those received after the closing date and time. Canvassing in any form will disqualify the application.

DIPR/270/Display/2023 — **Convenor - Search Committee**

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Karnataka Public works Department.

Tumkur Division, Karnataka Telephone: 0816-2272479,
No;EE/KPWD/Tmk/AE.1/T.No.83/2022-23 Dt: 10.03.2023

Invitation For Tenders (IFT) KW. 2, 3 & 4
e-TENDER NOTIFICATION

On behalf of Government of Karnataka tenders are invited in One & Two cover system for Class-4 & above Contractors registered in PWD for 09 works under NABARD - RIDF-28, 5054- Appendix-E, 3054 Maintenance and 4216 Building Works, 2059 & 2216 Head of accounts in the jurisidiction of Tumkur Division through e-procurement. The dates are published as below. (Max Amount Put to Tender Rs.417.15 Lakhs, Min Amount Put to Tender Rs.20.91 Lakhs, Max EMD Amt Rs.6,25,800/-, Min EMD Amt Rs. 52,300/-)

1. Last date for tender information enqueries: 18.03.2023 :16.00 2. Last date for submission of tender.: 20.03.2023 :17.30 3. Date of opening the Technical bid : 21.3.2023 :17.30 4. Date of opening the Financial bid (Below 50.00 Lakhs): 21.03.2023 : 17.30 5. Date of opening the Financial bid. (Above 50.00 Lakhs): 22.03.2023 : 11.00

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Rains lashed parts of the city, especially East Bengaluru, after 6 p.m. PTI

Moderate showers in a few parts of Bengaluru provided much-needed cheer and respite from the heat on Friday. While the day began with overcast skies, rains lashed parts of the city, especially East Bengaluru, after 6 p.m.

Following the downpour, traffic was hit in Bellandur, Kadubeesanahalli and Outer Ring Road in the evening. Traffic snarls were also reported in K.R. Puram, Whitefield, Varthur, Kadugodi, Marathahalli, Hoodi, and other areas in East Bengaluru. Showers were also experienced in Electronics City, HSR Layout, BTM Layout, Sarjapur, Arekere, Koramangala, Madiwala, J.P. Nagar and Jayanagar.

A forecast by the Karnataka State Natural Disaster Monitoring Centre, valid till 8.30 a.m. on Saturday, said, "Widespread light to moderate rains associated with thunder activity is likely over BBMP area."

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer (RRN),
Lakes Division, Room No.308, 3rd Floor,
New Building, BBMP, N.R. Square, Bengaluru - 560002.

No: EE-RRNagar/Lakes/Tend-12/2022-23 Date: 15-03-2023

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT) - (SHORT TERM)
(Two Cover Tender) (Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only)

Tenders on item rate basis are invited by the Executive Engineer (RRN), Lakes Division, BBMP for the works mentioned below from the registered Contractors of BBMP or equivalent registration with CPWD / KPWD / Railways / MES or any State Government Organizations.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Estimated Amount of Work (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD Amount (in Rs.)
1	Providing PMC for **Package-7:** Installation of Sluice Gate (Flood Escape Gate) for Lakes in RR Nagar Zone.	**710.00**	**50000.00**

Calendar of Events: 1) Bid Documents can be downloaded from GOK e-Procurement Portal Website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in from 16-03-2023. 2)** Pre Bid Meeting will be held on **20-03-2023 at 15.00 Hrs. at the Office of the Executive Engineer (RR Nagar), Lakes, BBMP. 3)** Tenders must be Submitted online through e-Procurement Portal **on or before 16.00 Hrs on 23-03-2023. 4)** Technical Bids will be Opened on **24-03-2023 at 11.30 Hrs. in the Office of the Executive Engineer (RR Nagar), Lakes, BBMP.** Further details can be had from the above office.

Sd/- Executive Engineer (RRN), Lakes Division, BBMP.

CAUVERY NEERAVARI NIGAMA LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka Enterprise)
Office of the Executive Engineer, Hemavathy Dam Division, Gorur Hassan District.

Short Term Tender Notification No:37/2022-23
Date: 15.03.2023

The Executive Engineer, CNNL.,Hemavathy Dam Division, Gorur-573120 Hassan Taluk, Hassan Dist., As Per KW-4, invited Item rate Short term tender (Two cover) through e- procurement only vide No. 37/2022-23, Date:15.03.2023on behalf of the Managing Director, CNNL, Bangalore from the eligible contractors of PWD Class-II and above of any State /Central Government /Public Sector organization for 4 works and PWD Class-III and above of any State /Central Government /Public Sector organization for 2 works ,Cost put to tender approximate Maximum amount Rs.415.45 lakhs and minimum Rs.84.57 Lakhs,, EMD as Prescribed in e-portal, The contractor can have access e-tender documents from 16.03.2023 to 23.03.2023 through website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in on payment (Non Refundable) of transaction fees as fixed by E – portal (2)Opening of Technical bid 24.03.2023 at 5.00 PM onwards. (if possible) For further information etc.,contact in the undersigned office during working hours or through website www.eproc. karnataka.gov.in (Department).

Sd/- Executive Engineer, CNNL, Hemavathy Dam Division, Gorur.

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Government of Karnataka
Office of the Executive Engineer,
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Email: eepdmys@gmail.com kn-mys-1@pmgsy.nic.in
Notificaiton No.EE/RDPR/PD/TECH/TND/2022-23/1273
Dated: 13.03.2023

TENDER NOTIFICATION (SHORT TERM) – 05/2022-23
(3rd Call) Dated: 13.03.2023

On behalf of Governor of Karnataka, Karnataka Rural Road Development Agency invites Item Rate Tenders for Construction of Long Span Bridges under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana – III (Batch-I & II 2020-21) in Mysuru District. 01 Work Amount Put to Tender varies from Rs.124.10 Lakhs with EMD 1.5% for General of Amount put to Tender (Two Cover System). This scheme is fully funded by the Government of Karnataka. Calendar of Events: Last date for submission of Tender is 23.03.2023 upto 4.30 PM. Opening of Tender is 24.03.2023 @ 4.30 PM. For any further information, can be had from the O/O Executive Engineer, Project Division, Mysuru. Phone No: 0821-2492254 & also available on https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in website.

Sd/- Tender Inviting Authority & Executive Engineer

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Karnataka Innovation and Technology Society (KITS) in association with Karnataka State Women Development Corporation (KSWDC) invites applications for "Vriddhi" Scheme from women entrepreneurs who have been selected as Winners or Runners Up under Idea2PoC Calls / Elevate (2016-2021)/ Amrita Start ups 2021.

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For detailed information, eligibility criteria and to apply, please visit:

www.missionstartupkarnataka.org/vriddhi-scheme?en.

The deadline for submission of application is on or before 17/04/2023, 5:00 PM.

Managing Director
KARNATAKA INNOVATION & TECHNOLOGY SOCIETY (KITS)
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DIPR/CP/5332/AKAR/22-23

PUBLIC NOTICE

This notice is issued on behalf of My client Smt.Varalakshmi W/o Sri.Muniraju to bring the notice of the general public that the **original absolute sale deed bearing doc No.BYP-1-03864/2010-11, CD No.BYPD58. Date. 26.11.2010, executed by** Sri.M.Muniraju S/o late Munivenkatappa in favour of Smt. Siddagangamma W/o late Yellappa is missing / lost/ misplaced in respect of schedule property.

If any person/s, firm, company, institution or organization has any claim are holding the afore mentioned document, they may contact the undersigned in writing within **7 days** from the date of this notice failing which it will be presumed that there are no claims.

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All the piece and parcel of the residential immovable property bearing **Western portion of** Site No.04, Vaderahalli Panchayathi Katha No.589/659/689/04, Situated at **Vaderahalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Yelahanka Taluk, Bangalore City,** Presently comes under the limits of Vaderahalli Grama Panchayath, measuring east to west 24-0 feet and north to south 23+25.5/2 feet and bounded by:

East by : Remaining portion of same property,
West by : Vacant property of Timmappa,
North by : House of Raju
South by : Road.

H. Prahlada, Advocate & Solicitor,
For H.P.Law, #2, 3rd Floor, Venkateshwara Complex, Yeshwanthpur, Bangalore-560022
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PUBLIC NOTICE

My client intends to purchase the Schedule Property from its owner **Sir. Mr. B.L. KUMAR @ B. LAVA KUMAR.** The Owner represent that he is the absolute owner of the Schedule Property and apart from him there are no other person/s, having any right, title or claim over the Schedule Property and the Schedule Property is not mortgaged, or encumbered in any manner. The Owner represent that he has not entered into any MoU, Agreement of Sale or any sort of arrangement with any other person/s, with respect to the Schedule Property or part thereof. If any person/s having objection/s or claims may with documentary evidence lodge their objection/claims within 7 (Seven) days from the date of this notice with the undersigned, failing which, my client shall proceed with the purchase of the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL of Residential Property bearing site No.31/1, bearing BBMP PID No. 95-1-31/1, measuring East to West by: 52 Feet, North to South by: 65 Feet, in all measuring 3380 Sq. Feet, situated at 2nd A Cross Road, Sultanpalya, Bangalore (now coming under the Jurisdiction of BBMP Ward No.32, Kavalbyrasandra) together with residential Duplex building with plinth area of 1586 Sq. Feet consisting of ground floor and First floor and bounded on the:

East by : Property belonging to Mr Rathnakar Reddy
West by : Passage belonging to Ms. Devika Panicker
North by : 20 Feet Road and
South by : Property bearing No.31, belonging to Ms.Devika Panicker

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SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(TWO COVER SYSTEM) 2nd Call

IFT NO:94/ 2022-23 **Date : 16-03-2023**

The Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, Shimoga Special Division, invites tenders as per K.T.P.P act 2000, in standard Bid document K/W-3 (two cover system) Contractors has registered in PWD Department **Class-3 & above can apply under head of account 8443-Deposite Contribution in Shivamogga Taluk of work Construction of Compound Wall around Womens ITI College in Shivamogga City. (Indent No : 163729 Call-2) Amount put to Tender is Rs. 54.92 lakhs & EMD amount is Rs. 1.10 Lakhs. Time allowed for completion of work is 04 Months including Monsoon.** The tenderers may submit tenders through E-procurement portal of the Government of Karnataka (viz., http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in). The Tenderers are advised to note the minimum qualification criteria specified in Clause 3 of the Section - 2 (Instructions to tenderers) of document, to qualify for award of the contract. Tender documents may be downloaded from the e-Procurement portal from **16-03-2023 to 23- 03-2023** Last date for Receipt of Tender is on **23-03-2023 at 17.00 PM.** The Technical bid will be opened on **24-03-2023 at 05.30 PM** onwards and Financial bid will be opened after **25-03-2023 Onwards.** If there any changes in publication, it will be publishing through E-Procurement only. More information may be obtained from the office during working hours. Information published in Website is final.

DIPR/SMG/No.134-03 zenkar/2022-23

Sd/-Executive Engineer, PWD Special Division, Shimoga.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General public are hereby notified that, our clients have agreed to develop the Schedule Property into a Villa project by entering into a Development Agreement with its Owner **SRI.DEGA DEVKUMAR REDDY** S/o late Sri.Dega Ramgopal Reddy, residing at Villa No.33, Alliance 10 Downing, Kannamangala-White Filed Main Road, Bengaluru-560 067. The Owner represents that the Joint Development Agreement dated 28/06/2013, registered as document No.MDK-1-00665-2013-14 in Book-1, in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Madikeri and all other agreements, understandings, deeds and documents entered into between the Owner and M/s Pushpam Realty, a Partnership firm, represented by its Managing Partner Smt.R.S.Veena W/o Dr.N.Manjunatha Reddy have been duly canceled or terminated in terms of the Arbitration Award dated 17/12/2021 passed in the Matter of AC No.44/2018 and the said Award registered as document No.MDK-I Part-VI-00001-2021-22, stored in CD No.MDKD919, in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Madikeri on 12/01/2022. Further, the Owner represents that he is the absolute owner of the Schedule Property and is having good marketable right, title and interest therein.

Apart from the above owner, if any person has any manner of claim, right, title, interest or demand of any nature in or over the Schedule Property or any part thereof, the same shall be filed with the undersigned with supporting documents, within **07 (Seven) days** from the date of this Notice. Objections and or the claims received after expiry of the stipulated time will not be binding on our clients and our clients will proceed with the transaction.

SCHEDULE

Item No.1: All that piece and parcel of the vacant undeveloped land measuring **10 Acres 62 Cents bearing Sy.No.80/10,** situated at **K.Bagada Village, Madikeri Hobli, Madikeri Taluk, Kodagu District** and bounded as follows:
East by : Land bearing Sy.No.80 & 80/1
West by : Boundary line
North by : Land bearing Sy.No.80/3
South by : Land bearing Sy.No.80/9 and Boundary line

Item No.2: All that piece and parcel of the vacant undeveloped land measuring **3 Acres 64 Cents bearing Sy.No.81,** situated at **K.Bagada Village, Madikeri Hobli, Madikeri Taluk, Kodagu District** and bounded as follows:
East by : Boundary line
West by : Land bearing Sy.No.80/10
North by : Boundary line
South by : Land bearing Sy.No.80/1

Item No.3: All that piece and parcel of the vacant undeveloped land measuring **1 Acre 67 Cents bearing Sy.No.82,** situated at **K.Bagada Village, Madikeri Hobli, Madikeri Taluk, Kodagu District** and bounded as follows:
East by : Boundary line and land bearing Sy.No.83
West by : Boundary line
North by : Boundary line
South by : Boundary line

Sd/- Bayya Reddy. M
For ISHA LAW CHAMBERS LLP
Advocates & Solicitors
No.101, Sri Manjunatha Complex, 4th Floor, 22nd Main Road, BSK 2nd Stage, Opp : Banashankari BDA Complex, Bengaluru-560070.

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DEPARTMENT OF MINES & GEOLOGY
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No. DMG-17012/2/2023 **Date: 16.03.2023**
C No : 1028761

NOTIFICATION AND NOTICE INVITING TENDER
"Invitation of bids for grant of Composite Licence for gold and bauxite blocks"

In exercise of the powers conferred under Section 11 of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 and in accordance with the Minerals (Evidence of Mineral Contents) Rules, 2015 and the Mineral (Auction) Rules, 2015 and amendments notified thereunder, the Government of Karnataka has identified 4 gold blocks and 1 bauxite block for grant of Composite Licence through auction and hereby invites tenders for electronic auction.

List of mineral blocks for Composite License through auction

Sl. No.	Name of the block	District	Mineral	Concession Area (in Sq. Km)	Estimated Resources (in MMT)	Tender fee
1.	Bhagavati Gold Block	Bagalkote	Gold	14.85	-	INR 2,00,000/- + 18% GST
2.	Dindavara Gold Block	Chitradurga	Gold	31.6	-	INR 2,00,000/- + 18% GST
3.	Kenchanahalli Gold Block	Chikmagalur	Gold & Associated Minerals	40.80	-	INR 2,00,000/- + 18% GST
4.	Siranakatte Gold Block	Chitradurga	Gold & Polymetals	23.00	-	INR 2,00,000/- + 18% GST
5.	Kuddarka Bauxite Block	Dakshina Kannada	Bauxite	0.52	0.254	INR 2,00,000/- + 18% GST

Any person, firm or company who satisfies the eligibility criteria can participate in the auction. Technical and financial bids for the above listed blocks are invited online. Apart from the online Technical Bids, bidders will have to submit duly executed original physical copies of their Technical Bids to the Tender Inviting Authority i.e. Director, Department of Mines and Geology, Government of Karnataka.

Eligibility conditions, terms and conditions, date and time for participating in the electronic auction are provided in the Tender Document. Tender Documents, notifications, updates and other details for the e-auction process shall be available in electronic form only at the website of MSTC Ltd **http://www.mstcecommerce.com/ auctionhome/mlcl/index.jsp).**

Interested and eligible bidders can register themselves at the above website. On successful registration, bidders will obtain login ID and password, which are necessary for participation in the e-auction process. Model Tender Document and summary of the block shall be available free of cost at the website of MSTC Limited **(http://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/mlcl/index.jsp).** For participating in the bidding process, the registered bidders will have to purchase the block specific tender document at the website of MSTC Ltd as per fees mentioned in the table for each block.

The GST at the rate of 18% on the purchase of tender document shall be applicable. The GST applicable is to be paid by the prospective bidder itself under the **Reverse Charge Mechanism.** The prospective bidder shall be solely responsible for remitting the GST as per applicable law and statutory liability in this regard will be responsibility of prospective bidder and no liability whatsoever shall be borne by the DMG Karnataka /MSTC.

The sale of tender document shall commence from **17 March 2023.** Last date for sale of tender document at the website of MSTC Ltd is **5 May 2023.** Last date for submission of Technical Bids plus the Initial Price Offers at the website of MSTC Ltd is **12 May 2023** (up to 17:00 hours IST). Physical copies of the Technical Bids must reach the Tender Inviting Authority i.e. Director, Department of Mines and Geology, Government of Karnataka by **17:00** hours IST on **12 May 2023**.

Sd/-
Director

DIPR/CP/5327/Zenkar/2022-23

Government of Karnataka
DEPARTMENT OF MINES & GEOLOGY
#49, Khanija Bhavan, Race Course Road, Bengaluru-560001
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No. DMG-17012/17/2023 **Date: 16.03.2023**
C No : 873977

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List of mineral blocks for Composite License through auction

Sl. No.	Name of the block	District	Mineral	Concession Area (in Sq. Km)	Estimated Resources (in MMT)	Tender fee
1.	Maddakere Gold Block	Chitradurga	Gold & Polymetals	45.00	-	INR 2,00,000/- + 18% GST
2.	Timmanahalli Gold Block	Tumakuru	Gold	20.00	-	INR 2,00,000/- + 18% GST
3.	Niddodi Bauxite Block	Dakshina Kannada	Bauxite	0.528	0.145	INR 2,00,000/- + 18% GST

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Sd/-
Director

DIPR/CP/5328/Zenkar/2022-23

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(THROUGH E-PROCUREMENT MODE ONLY)

No. SEE/EE/Tr/W&M/DVG/AEE-2/F-114/22-23/CYS-161 Date : 16.03.2023

KPTCL invites e-tenders in the prescribed form from Super Grade Licensed Electrical Contractor for the following works on **Total Turnkey basis.**

1) Bid Enquiry No: KPTCL/SEE/Tr(W&M)/DVG/EE/AEE-2/22-23/34/Call-4 Date : 15.03.2023 for Dismantling, Transportation (To & Fro), Repairs to faulty 20 MVA, NGEF make 66/11kV Class, SL.NO.2800060082 Power Transformer failed at 66/11kV Chitradurga Sub-Station.

2) Bid Enquiry No: KPTCL/SEE/Tr(W&M)/DVG/EE/AEE-2/22-23/33/Call-5 Date : 15.03.2023 for Dismantling, Transportation (To & Fro), Repairs to faulty Power Transformer, Testing, Assembling, Erection and Commissioning of Repaired faulty Power Transformer of 8MVA, Kanohar MAKE 66/11kV CLASS, SL.NO.KT-8000/18 lying at 66/11KV Balenahalli Station.

3) Bid Enquiry No: KPTCL/SEE/Tr(W&M)/DVG/EE/AEE-2/22-23/103/Call-2 Date : 15.03.2023 for Tentitive Estimate for Reconditioning / Reinsulation for windings of 12.5MVA, NGEF MAKE 66/11kV Class, SL.NO.2800036022 Power Transformer released at 66/11kV Parashurampura MUSS in Hiriyur TL&SS Division.

4) Bid Enquiry No: KPTCL/SEE/Tr(W&M)/DVG/EE/AEE-2/22-23/889/Call-6 Date : 02.03.2023 for Construction of 66KV DC lines on DC Towers in the existing corridor from existing 66Kv Station B.G Kere to tap point of Thallak to Hangal 66KV line for a distance of 0.766Kms with coyote conductor for LILO arrangement with construction of one no. of 66KV TB at 66/11 KV Station BG Kere in Molakalmur taluk Chitradurga District.

No. SEE/EE/Tr/W&M/DVG/AEE-1/F-114/22-23/CYS-162 Date : 17.03.2023

KPTCL invites e-tenders in the prescribed form from **Reputed Electrical Contractor possessing Super Grade Electrical Contractor** License for the following works on **Partial Turnkey Basis.**

5) Bid Enquiry No: KPTCL/SEE/W&M/DVG/EE/E-1/22-23/117 Date : 03.03.2023 for Augmentation of 66/11 KV 2x8.0MVA Power Transformer by 2x12.5MVA, 66/11KV Power Transformer at 66/11KV MUSS Pallagatte in Hiremallanahole (Jagalur) Taluk, Davanagere District.

6) Bid Enquiry No: KPTCL/SEE/W&M/DVG/EE/AEE-1/22-23/116 Date : 03.03.2023 for Replacement of 1x12.5MVA, 66/11kV Power Transformer by 1x20MVA, 66/11kV Power Transformer at 66/11KV Station Jagaluru in Jagaluru Taluk Davanagere District.

7) Bid Enquiry No: KPTCL/SEE/W&M/DVG/EE/AEE-1/22-23/86 Call-2 Date : 16.03.2023 for Providing additional 1x12.5MVA, 66/11kv Power Transformer at 66/11KV Kurubarahalli Sub-Station in Harihara Taluk, Davanagere District.

Tenders will be accepted through e-Procurement Mode Only. For Further details, prospective Bidders are advised to log on to website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** or **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** on hyperlink "e-Procurement-KPTCL" to participate in e-procurement portal on or after **for Sl. No. 1 to 4 is on 20.03.2023 and Sl. No. 5 to 7 is on18.03.2023** respectively.

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Rise of the woman homebuyer

With women constituting 33% of the workforce in India, experts say their role in the real estate sector as both promoters and homebuyers is on an upward swing. By **Sanal M. Sudevan**

TRENDS

A survey reveals that 23 out of 100 homebuyers are women. The number has risen from 18 last year

The theme for 2023 International Women's Day called for gender equality. Fortunately, women are not too far behind in the real estate sector, a proven male bastion. According to a survey by Anarock Group, 23 women out of 100 people are homebuyers. The number has risen from 18 in the previous survey.

Nimmy David, a real estate agent in Kochi, says, "I see a lot of women opting for rental or residential properties here. Women usually get in touch with brokers or agents for selling plots and buying homes. A commercial transaction is not easy. It consumes a lot of time."

David, who claims to have 300 clients around the world, has been an agent for over 10 years. She had worked with builders in and around Kochi.

While gold seems to have lost its sheen, real estate has gained the favour of women investors.

Amarendra Sahu, founder and CEO, NestAway Technologies, says, "Residential properties, particularly apartments, are being favoured by women as they provide the additional comfort of an asset class. Women homebuyers are keen on investment."

However, Vivek Rathi, Director-Research, Knight Frank India, has a different view. He says that women choose residential properties keeping in mind the budget, local culture and family preferences. He feels women homebuyers are mostly end users.

That said, a report by NAREDCO Mahi and JLL says women make up only 12% of the real estate workforce in India, with 15% lower pay than men in leadership roles. Only 2% of women hold executive-level positions in construction companies.

Up the career ladder

"Women participation has almost doubled in the last five years in the workforce of surveyed companies, pointing to positive reinforcement of diverse hiring," said the president of NAREDCO Mahi, Ananta Raghuvanshi.

Meanwhile, the survey of Anarock Group substantiates the point that the number of women investing in real estate for investment is on an upward trend. With an increasing number of women entering the workforce, Ram Raheja, Managing Director of S Raheja Realty, says, "Most women opt for 2 BHKs or larger apartments. Luxury housing is also witnessing a major influx of women buyers."

Real estate sector experts believe that when a woman buys a house, she also looks for amenities that are purposeful. Providing a swimming pool is good, but it makes sense only if it's heated and big enough keeping in mind the number of residents who are entitled to use it. Women look beyond the frills and actually focus on what will be practical.

The initiatives rolled out by the Union government to encourage women to buy homes have done well. For instance, to avail homes under the government's flagship scheme, Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY), launched in 2015, homes have to be mandatorily registered either in a woman's name or with a woman as co-owner.

This was done to empower women from lower-income segments.

Lower stamp duty is another benefit women homebuyers enjoy. The charges vary from one State to the other. The exemption varies from 1-2% across States, and may even vary within a particular State, based on the classification of regions as 'urban' and 'rural'. For instance, Delhi, UP, Rajasthan, Punjab and Haryana offer a relaxation in stamp duty for women buyers.

The stamp duty levy represents a sizeable cost component in addition to the dwelling value as advertised by the developer.

Upward trend likely

The Union and State governments are taking efforts to increase the number of women homebuyers by initiating several schemes. Karnataka and Telangana have the most women owning a land or house at 67.6% and 66.6% respectively, between the age group of 15 and 49, according to the Knight Frank India survey report. Eleven States have seen a decline in ownership among women. It is expected that more women will be investing in real estate following financial incentives for women by the State governments. An upward trend is likely in 2023.

There are a couple of other initiatives such as the Credit Linked Subsidy Scheme, a part of the Union government's 'Housing for All' programme.

Under this programme, women must be the sole or joint owners of the home for certain categories. This is a fantastic tool to improve women's economic standing in patriarchal homes and societies.

Home loan factor

Home loan is a key enabler of a house purchase decision and banks also provide lower home loan interest rate of 10-20 basis points for women borrowers. "This translates into additional saving and/or increased affordability for women homebuyers and women should consider this when making a purchase decision," says Rathi. Many banks such as SBI, ICICI, and HDFC offer discounted home loan rates to women as compared to men. This again varies from one bank to another, with a difference of around 0.25%.

To get certain tax benefits, a woman can also become the joint owner of a property with her husband and, if she has a separate source of income, both can claim tax deductions individually.

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INBRIEF

Shobha for probe into 'ties' between Congress and SDPI

Convener of the BJP's Election Management Committee and Union Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Shobha Karandlaje on Friday demanded that a high-level investigation had to be ordered into the alleged relationship between the Congress and the SDPI. She told reporters in Bengaluru on Friday that the Congress and the SDPI had a tacit understanding in the past elections and that the SDPI president had acknowledged that they had fielded candidates only against 25 Congress candidates after party leaders approached them. She alleged that after the ban on the PFI was enforced, its cadres joined the SDPI.

Virupakshappa is not cooperating with probe, Lokayukta police tell HC

Court points out that probe officer in his preliminary report had said that MLA was not arrested as there was 'no evidence' against him; reserves order on the MLA's plea on anticipatory bail

FROM THE COURT

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Lokayukta police on Friday told the High Court of Karnataka that Madal Virupakshappa, BJP MLA, was not cooperating with the investigation and was giving evasive answers to questions during interrogation in the bribery case registered against him.

The MLA's custodial interrogation was essential to elicit information from him as he was giving evasive answers, and was not even sharing mobile phone numbers, due to protection from arrest given to him by the court through granting of interim anticipatory bail, it was contended on behalf of the Lokayukta police. Also, the Lokayukta police have said that even Prashanth Madal, one of the sons of the MLA,

Madal Virupakshappa

who was caught redhanded when receiving ₹40 lakh in cash from the complainant-businessman on March 2, was also not cooperating during the questioning as apparently his father has interim protection from the court from arrest.

These submissions were made before a Bench of Justice K. Natarajan during the hearing of the petition filed by Mr. Virupakshappa seeking anticipatory bail. The court on March 7 granted him interim anticipatory bail till the final adjudication of his petition.

However, the court asked the advocate representing the Lokayukta police what evidence had been gathered now against the MLA as the investigating officer, in his preliminary report, had said that the MLA was not arrested as there was "no evidence" against him at the time of the arrest of his son.

It was because of the remark of the investigating officer on not having any evidence, and absence of any material to *prima facie* show that the MLA, being the then chairperson of Karnataka Soaps and Detergents Ltd. (KSDL), had demanded payment of bribe from the complainant-businessman to be paid through his son, that the interim anticipatory bail was granted to him, Justice Natarajan pointed out.

For this, the advocate for the Lokayukta police said that the investigation was at a preliminary stage and some incriminating materials had now been collected against the MLA, and submitted the statement of the managing director of the KSDL, recorded before the trial court, and the Whatsapp messages between Mr. Prashanth and the KSDL's MD, in a sealed cover.

Meanwhile, the MLA's advocate pointed out to the court that the house, where Mr. Prashanth is staying in Bengaluru, belonged to a company and not the MLA, and two other sons of the MLA were directors of the company. The advocate also contended that the presence of around ₹6 crore in that house could not be claimed as a bribe amount as anyone, to whom the money belongs to, had the right to declare the source of money before income tax authorities as per law.

The High Court, after completion of arguments, reserved its verdict.

New MPLAD scheme guidelines to expand scope for fund utilisation, cut delays

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The new guidelines on the implementation of the Member of Parliament Local Area Development (MPLAD) scheme, which will come into effect from April 1, have expanded the scope for the utilisation of funds and are also expected to help overcome delay with less paperwork. They are also expected to provide emphasis on creating durable assets as per the local needs.

In the list of a host of areas where the funds can be utilised, agriculture in terms of input assistance and natural calamity have been added, government sources said. Several restrictions that were in the previous guidelines have been eased. One of the important aspects of the new guidelines is that the MP is given a host of areas where the money can be given, and the MP's discretion has been removed, sources said and added that this prevents reckless use of money meant for public purpose. Annually, each MP gets ₹5 crore under the MPLAD funds. Karnataka has 28 members in the Lok Sabha, 13 in the Rajya Sabha and and one nominated MP. The MPLAD scheme was introduced in 1993. On Friday, Karnataka hosted a south zone workshop on the new guidelines, which was inaugurated by Additional Chief Secretary Shalini Rajinish, in which representatives from nine States/Union Territories attended.

Penal clause

Sources said that while the renovation of old buildings built under the scheme had been banned earlier, the new guidelines allow repairs costing up to ₹50 lakh. Among other features in the new guidelines, a penal clause on officials has been introduced for the first time, and MPLAD funds can be given for the construction of government buildings and up to ₹1 crore can be contributed for natural disaster works. MPs have been allowed to contribute up to ₹25 lakh outside the constituency.

NIA files chargesheet against two in IS conspiracy case

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Case relates to alleged conspiracy hatched to carry out activities of IS through arson, sabotage, and violence in State

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Thursday filed a chargesheet against two accused in the Shivamogga Islamic State (IS) conspiracy case relating to the alleged conspiracy hatched to carry out activities of the IS through arson, sabotage, and violence in Karnataka.

The NIA re-registered the case in September 2022 and took over the investigation of the case registered by the Shivamogga police after the stabbing of one Prem Singh in Shivamogga on August 15, 2022, allegedly by Zabiulla and others. Investigations revealed that Maaz Muneer Ahmed, 23, and Syed Yasin, 22, of Shivamogga were part of the conspiracy and they have been charged under sections 120B (criminal conspiracy) and 122 (collecting arms with the intention of war) of the IPC, various sections of the UAPA, and under the Prevention of Insults to National Honour Act, said a release.

"Both the accused are BTech graduates, radicalised and motivated by an online foreign-based handler to target public and private properties, including warehouses, liquor outlets, hardware shops, vehicles, and properties of citizens belonging to a particular community. In furtherance of the conspiracy hatched by the Islamic State, Maaz and Syed had committed over 25 incidents of arson and sabotage," the release added.

The NIA said Maaz and Syed went to Agumbe and Varahi river backwaters forest area in Shivamogga district for trekking and did a recce for hideouts. They procured explosives and prepared to fabricate IEDs. Syed conducted a trial explosion of one of the IEDs at Varahi river bank, alleged the NIA, adding that they were being paid in cryptocurrencies by their online handler by fund transfers from abroad.

"Investigations have revealed that Maaz received crypto equivalent to around ₹1.5 lakh from the online handler into the accounts of his friends, whereas Syed received ₹62,000 into the account of a friend.

Mangaluru blast

"As part of the larger IS conspiracy, accused Mohamed Shariq had planned to carry out an IED blast at Kadri temple in Mangaluru on November 19, 2022. However, the IED exploded prematurely due to the timer malfunction when Shariq was en route in an auto rickshaw to the target location, averting a potential disaster. Further investigations against six other arrested accused persons are in progress," the NIA added.

Congress first list likely before Rahul Gandhi's visit to Belagavi

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Amid lobbying by its leaders for higher political representation for their communities, the AICC Central Election Committee (CEC) on Friday held its first meeting in the national capital to pick candidates for the Karnataka Legislative Assembly elections.

The CEC meeting chaired by AICC president M. Mallikarjun Kharge and attended by Rahul Gandhi, MP, held deliberations on candidates recommended by the party's screening committee chairman Mohan Prakash.

The Congress is expected to release its first list of candidates before Mr. Gandhi's visit to Belagavi on March 20 for campaigning. Sources in the party told *The Hindu* that a list of candidates for 125 constituencies had almost been finalised. The screening committee had recommended dropping incumbent MLAs in three or four constituencies owing to anti-incumbency in those segments.

Congress president M. Mallikarjun Kharge and other leaders during the AICC Central Election Committee meeting for the Karnataka Assembly elections, in New Delhi on Friday. PTI

Among the MLCs who are aspirants, only U.B. Venkatesh would be given the ticket to contest from Basavanagudi constituency in Bengaluru city, sources said.

Leaders of Lingayat, Dalit, OBCs, and Muslim communities have called on Mr. Kharge in Delhi demanding higher representation for their respective community/castes.

The All-India Veerashaiva Mahasabha, led by its chairman Shamanur Shivashankarappa, met Mr. Kharge in New Delhi on Wednesday and demanded that 60 seats be given to the Veerashaiva-Lingayat community. In 2018, the community had been given ticket by the Congress in 43 constituencies and its candidates won in 18 seats.

The KPCC Minority Department has demanded ticket for 21 Muslim candidates. The community has six MLAs in the 15th Assembly.

Among those present at the Friday's meeting were AICC general secretary Randeep Singh Surjewala, KPCC president D.K. Shivakumar, Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Assembly Siddaramaiah, Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Council B.K. Hariprasad, the former Chief Minister M. Veerappa Moily, the former KPCC president G. Parameshwara, AICC general secretary K.C. Venugopal, and Mr. Mohan Prakash.

21st all-India inter-farm varsities youth fest concludes

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The valedictory programme of the 21st All-India Inter-Agricultural Universities Youth Festival 2022-23, organised at the University of Agricultural Sciences, GKVK campus, Bengaluru, was held on Friday.

According to a release, in festival, the University of Horticultural Sciences, Bagalkot, with a total of 355 points, was declared the overall champion. The University of Fisheries and Ocean Studies, Kochi, Kerala, with a total of 345 points, secured the second place. Dr. Balasaheb Sawant Konkan Krishi Vidyapeeth, Dapoli, Maharashtra, with a total of 342 points, stood third and Indira Gandhi Agricultural University, Raipur, Chhattisgarh, with a total of 339 points, secured the fourth place. In the five days, students from 57 agricultural universities/deemed universities/Central universities from different parts of the country, showcased their skills in eighteen events under five themes – music, dance, literary, theatre, and fine arts, the release stated.

French parliamentarians visit ISRO

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A French delegation of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs visited the Indian Space Research Organisation headquarters here.

The delegation led by committee president Jean-Louis Bourlanges visited ISRO headquarters on Thursday as part of its overall India visit coordinated by the Ministry of External Affairs.

ISRO and the Department of Space delegation led by R. Umamaheswaran, director ISRO's Human Space Flight Centre, briefed the delegation on the Indian space programme, highlighting the developments in the Gaganyaan programme.

"While appreciating the long-standing bilateral space cooperation and the opportunities available for the industries in the space sector, the French delegation agreed to work for continued support from the French government for further strengthening the India-France space relations," ISRO said.

Sentenced to 5 years RI

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Lokayukta special court sentenced G.C. Suresh, revenue inspector in the Kengeri Nadakacheri, to five years of rigorous imprisonment and imposed a fine of ₹4 lakh in a bribery case.

In 2016, Suresh allegedly demanded ₹5 lakh as bribe to transfer the property khata of a farmer of Sulikere village. On September 2, 2016, while accepting the money from the farmer, the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) police raided and arrested the officer along with the bribe amount.

The ACB investigated the case and filed a chargesheet. The Lokayukta special court, which heard the case, sentenced Suresh to five years in jail and ₹4 lakh fine on March 14.

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Govt of Karnataka
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PWD DIVISION KALABURAGI
No: EE/PWD/DIV/KLB/TS-6/Tender Notification/2022-23/ 10364 Dated: 15.03.2023
SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
1) Name of Work: Executive Engineer PWD Division Kalaburagi Invites tender (KW-1 & 3) for 3054 of 02 works of Indent No: I) Unreserved **166770, 167341** tenders are called through e-procurement for the year 2022-23, 2) Estimated Cost: **Minimum Rs. 15.00 Lakhs Maximum Rs. 65.00 Lakhs,** 3) Amount Put to Tender: **Minimum Rs. 12.70 Lakhs Maximum Rs. 55.07 Lakhs,** 4) Eligibility of Contractor: "PWD, Registered Contractors: "Class-I Qualified to tender for works upto any amount, "Class-II Qualified to tender for works upto Rs. 5.00 Crores, "Class-III Qualified to tender for works upto Rs. 2.00 Crores, "Class-IV Qualified to tender for works upto Rs. 25.00 Lakhs", 5) Tender fees and EMD details: Application Fees as per e-procurement EMD Minimum Rs. 31,800.00 & Maximum Rs. 1,11,000.00, 6) Last date for queries: **23/03/2023 upto 17.30 Hrs,** 7) Last date for submission of tender: **24/03/2023 upto 16.00 Hrs.** 8) Date of opening of Technical Bid: **25/03/2023 at 16:30 Hrs.**, 9) Date of opening of Financial Bid : **26/03/2023 at 16.30 Hrs**, 10) Enquiries: Office of the Executive Engineer PWD Division Kalaburagi, 11) website: **www.e-proc.karnataka.gov.in**
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OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER P.W.D DIVISION SEDAM
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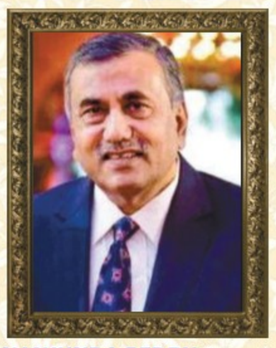

D.N.NANJUNDA REDDY, Senior Advocate
Born April 10th,1954 at Gadidam Village, Bagepalli Taluk
Left for his heavenly abode on March 09th, 2023.
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Vaikunta Samaradhana will be held on **March 19th, 2023 from 11:30 AM to 2:00 PM** at Gadidam Village, Bagepalli Taluk, Chikkaballapura District.
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After paper leak, Telangana cancels PSC examinations

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

The Telangana State Public Service Commission (TSPSC) has cancelled the Group-I, Divisional Accounts Officer (DAO) and Assistant Executive Engineers (AEE) exams after the paper leak scandal broke out.

A statement from the TSPSC on Friday said that a special meeting of the Commission convened on Friday examined the report of the Special Investigation Team (SIT) and also the internal enquiry of the Commission and decided to cancel the examination.

The Group-I preliminary examination will be reconducted on June 11 and the dates for the other two exams be announced later, the statement added.

The leakage scandal broke out with the arrest of a TSPSC employee Praveen, who allegedly leaked the AEE paper for monetary considerations and sold it to Renuka, who is also arrested now. She in turn sold it to two of her known acquaintances for ₹10 lakh each. The Begum Bazar police investigated the case on a complaint lodged by the TSPSC officials who said their computers were hacked.

Later, the case was transferred to a Special Investigation Team of the Central Crime Station.

So far, nine people have been arrested, including two TSPSC employees and a police constable.

SC issues notice to CBI in BRS MLAs' poaching case

Justice Sanjiv Khanna says Telangana Police will not continue with the investigation; State government says CBI probe will prove ineffective as the agency is 'controlled' by BJP in the Centre

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday issued formal notice to the CBI in a case concerning allegations that the BJP conspired to poach Telangana's Bharat Rashtra Samithi legislators.

Pilot Rohith Reddy

A Bench of Justices Sanjiv Khanna and M.M. Sundresh, however, said there was no need to issue notice to the Centre.

The Telangana government, represented by senior advocate Dushyant Dave, has questioned a State High Court decision to transfer the case to the CBI when the State had already set up a seven-member Special Investigation Team to probe the allegations of poaching. Mr. Dave had contended that a CBI probe would prove ineffective as the agency was "controlled" by the ruling BJP in the Centre.

On March 13, the Bench orally made it clear that the CBI should hold its hands while the case is now with the Supreme Court.

On Friday, Justice Khanna conveyed the same message to the Telangana Police.

"We are making it clear that the Telangana Police will not continue with the investigation," Justice Khanna addressed Mr. Dave.

"There is no question about that. We had stopped long back... we are awaiting the outcome," Mr. Dave assured.

The court listed the case after 10 days.

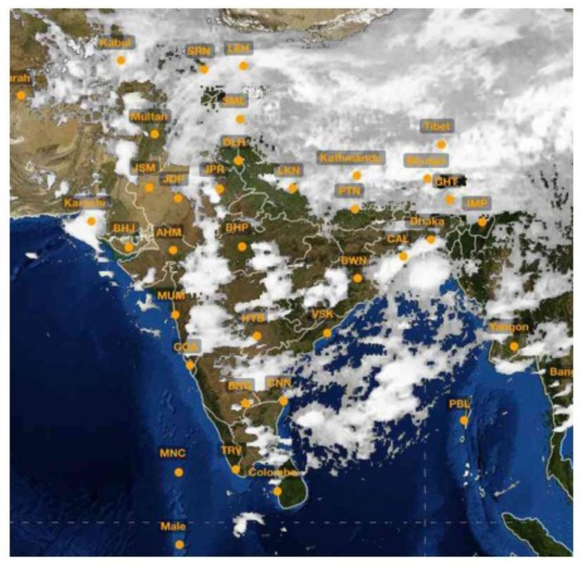
Three people – Ramachandra Bharati alias Satish Sharma, Nandu Kumar and Simhayaji Swamy – were already named as accused in the case after a complaint was lodged by BRS MLA Pilot Rohith Reddy, among four legislators, against them on October 26.

The trio was arrested while they were allegedly trying to lure the four MLAs of the ruling BRS to join the BJP. Recently, they were granted bail by the High Court.

As per the FIR copy, Mr. Reddy alleged that the accused offered him ₹100 crore and in return the legislator had to leave the BRS and contest as a BJP candidate in the next Assembly election.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Saturday: Heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Odisha, Telangana, coastal Andhra Pradesh and Yanam. Thunderstorm with lightning likely at isolated places over Uttar Pradesh, west Madhya Pradesh, central Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu and Puducherry

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	7	29.3	19.6	Kozhikode	—	36.0	26.7
Ahmedabad	—	35.4	23.0	Kurnool	17	32.0	21.9
Aizawl	—	27.5	14.5	Lucknow	—	27.2	20.6
Allahabad	—	30.9	20.6	Madurai	0.5	36.8	24.5
Bengaluru	3	31.6	20.0	Mangaluru	—	34.5	23.5
Bhopal	—	32.5	19.2	Mumbai	0.1	33.0	23.0
Bhubaneswar	—	33.1	20.0	Mysuru	—	35.0	19.4
Chandigarh	—	32.5	19.8	New Delhi	—	30.4	17.2
Chennai	—	32.0	26.5	Patna	—	30.4	21.6
Coimbatore	—	35.0	24.0	Port Blair	—	31.6	26.6
Dehradun	—	30.6	15.8	Puducherry	—	34.4	23.8
Gangtok	46	16.1	8.4	Pune	5.1	30.8	15.8
Goa	—	33.8	24.2	Raipur	—	33.5	22.6
Guwahati	—	27.0	17.4	Ranchi	20	26.8	17.0
Hubballi	—	34.0	19.0	Shillong	0.3	18.9	11.0
Hyderabad	32	26.3	19.9	Shimla	0.2	15.4	8.4
Imphal	—	25.8	14.1	Srinagar	—	14.4	6.6
Jaipur	—	30.0	20.4	Thiruvananthapuram	1	34.6	25.2
Kochi	—	32.8	25.6	Tiruchi	—	36.1	25.0
Kohima	—	22.0	10.8	Vijayawada	2	30.8	22.6
Kolkata	28	26.6	19.0	Visakhapatnam	—	29.4	25.0

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	9	—	38	431	409	
Bengaluru	2	12	15	210	84	
Chennai	27	19	88	82	72	
Delhi	35	89	85	215	255	
Hyderabad	6	36	41	97	84	
Kolkata	3	35	46	84	80	
Lucknow	22	24	43	132	107	
Mumbai	33	156	29	200	154	
Pune	125	187	111	180	119	
Visakhapatnam	20	47	63	76	111	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Begusarai, Bihar recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 316 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Nandesari, Gujarat recorded a healthy AQI score of 28

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

SC refuses to quash summons against Cardinal Alencherry

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday refused to quash summons issued by a trial court in Kerala to Cardinal Mar George Alencherry of Syro-Malabar Church in criminal cases accusing him of conspiring to fraudulently dispose of archdiocese properties worth crores of rupees between 2012 and 2017. The church leader, the Eparchy of Bathery and the Catholic Diocese of Thamarassery had separately filed special leave petitions against a decision of the Kerala High Court in August 2021 refusing to quash the criminal proceedings against the Cardinal.

"Just as it is necessary to curtail vexatious and frivolous complaints against innocent persons, it is equally essential to punish the guilty after conducting a fair trial," a Bench of Justices Dinesh Maheshwari and Bela Trivedi observed.

Justice Trivedi said three lower courts had discussed in detail "the *prima facie* involvement of the appellant in the alleged offences". "Suffice it to say that having carefully examined the record of the complaints in question, we do not find any illegality in the orders passed by the trial court issuing summons against the appellant," Justice Trivedi said.

Kerala Assembly adjourns as Opposition goes on protest

The Hindu Bureau
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

The Kerala Assembly adjourned nine minutes after it convened on Friday following raucous protests by the Opposition United Democratic Front (UDF).

Opposition legislators vociferously condemned the government for slapping non-bailable criminal charges on UDF members, including women MLAs, for their protest in front of the office of Speaker A.N. Shamseer on Wednesday.

Leader of the Opposition V.D. Satheesan said the police overlooked the injuries inflicted on Opposition MLAs by their ruling front counterparts and imposed lenient charges on the perpetrators of the attack. He accused Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan of duplicity.

He added that hours before Mr. Vijayan called the Opposition for a reconciliatory meeting in the Speaker's chamber on Thursday, the police booked the UDF legislators on severe criminal charges that offered little scope for bail and entailed more than 10 years of rigorous imprisonment.

Later, two Communist Party of India (Marxist) legislators, Sachin Dev and H. Salam, called a press conference to deny the Opposition's charge that they had assaulted the UDF legislators.

Tiger found dead in Nagarahole

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

A tiger was found dead in the Veeranahosahalli range of the Nagarahole National Park on Friday.

The tiger was aged around four or five years and the carcass had injuries sustained in what is suspected to be a territorial fight with another male. The spinal cord was broken and its forelimb fractured.

It is speculated that the tiger subsequently tried to hunt a porcupine as its quails were found embedded in its mouth and legs but succumbed to complications arising out of internal bleeding. The post-mortem was conducted as per NTCA protocols.

Jagan draws PM's attention to A.P.'s unresolved issues

The Hindu Bureau
VIJAYAWADA

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy called on Prime Minister Narendra Modi at New Delhi on Friday and urged him to expedite several issues pending even nine years after the bifurcation of the State.

In a memorandum submitted PM, the CM reminded him of key issues still unsolved despite several discussions by the special committee constituted under the Chairmanship of the Union Finance Secretary to attend to a plethora of issues mentioned in the AP Reorganisation Act.

He urged the PM to release the pending amount of ₹36,625 crore under Resource Gap Funding for the fiscal 2014-15.

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
RURAL DRINKING WATER & SANITATION DIVISION, BIDAR

Ref:EE/RDWSD/Bidar/PB-1&2/Tender/2022-23/2516 Date: 14.03.2023

TENDER NOTIFICATION (JJM AND MVS 2022-23)

On behalf of the Governor of Karnataka, The Executive Engineer RDWS & S Division Bidar invites Tenders from eligible bidders for the works above Rs. 299.06Lakhs to 403.66 Lakhs (03 Nos of works) as per KW-4 Standard Tender Bid Document under H/A JJM & MVS for the year 2021-22 & 2022-23 through e-Procurement platform www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in only. The KTPP Act shall be followed.

TIME SCHEDULE: 1) Notification Date and Download of tender schedule documents through e portal: 14.03.2023 to 24.03.2023. 2) Last date for submission of bids 24.03.2023 Time : 17.00 PM. 3) Pre Bid Meeting: 18.03.2023 Time : 11.30 AM. 4) Date & Time of Technical bid opening: 27.03.2023 Time : 11.00 AM. 5) Date & Time of Financial bid opening: After Technical bid Approval

For details of works and conditions, please contact this office in office hours or visit website http//eproc.karnataka.gov.in where the details are available.

DIPR/Bidar/537/MC&A/2022-23

Sd/- Executive Engineer, RDWS&S Division Bidar.

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
Public Works Department
Executive Engineer PWD Division Chikkodi
Phone No. : 08338/ 273859 E-Mail: eepwdckd@gmail.com
No/PWD/CKD DIV/AE-2/TENDER/2022-23/8230 DATE: 15/03/2023

Time Extension e-Tender Notification-2

Short term tender notification No. PWD/CKD DIV/AE-2/TENDER/2022-23/7605 Dated 27/02/2023 was called & First time extension is made vide this Office Notification No. 7975 Dated: 10/03/2023. Now Second time extension is made for the works at Sl No. 2 & 4, is as below.

Calendar of events: 1)Pre-bid meeting date: 20-03-2023 at 11.00 AM, at The O/o the under signed. 2)Last date for queries & clarifications : 21-03-2023 up to 5.30 PM, 3)Last Date of Receipt of Bids : 23-03-2023 up to 5.00 PM,4)Date of opening of Technical bids (Two Cover System): 25-03-2023 at 4.30 PM, 5)Date of opening of Financial bids (Two Cover System): "after approval of Technical bids"

All other conditions of the tender remain unchanged.

DIPR/BGM/RO-NO-2080/KSMCA/2022-23

Sd/-Executive Engineer PWD Division Chikkodi.

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
Public Works Department
Executive Engineer PWD Division Chikkodi
Phone No. : 08338/ 273859 E-Mail: eepwdckd@gmail.com
No/PWD/CKD DIV/AE-2/TENDER/2022-23/8226 DATE: 15/03/2023

Time Extension e-Tender Notification-2

Short term tender notification No. PWD/CKD DIV/AE-2/TENDER/2022-23/7601 Dated 27/02/2023 was called & First time extension is made vide this Office Notification No. 7980 Dated: 10/03/2023. Now Second time extension is made for the works at Sl No. 1, is as below.

Calendar of events: 1)Pre-bid meeting date: 20-03-2023 at 11.00 AM, at The O/o the under signed. 2)Last date for queries & clarifications : 21-03-2023 up to 5.30 PM, 3)Last Date of Receipt of Bids : 23-03-2023 up to 5.00 PM, 4)Date of opening of Technical bids (Two Cover System): 25-03-2023 at 4.30 PM, 5)Date of opening of Financial bids (Two Cover System): "after approval of Technical bids"

All other conditions of the tender remain unchanged.

DIPR/BGM/RO-NO-2082/KSMCA/2022-23

Sd/-Executive Engineer PWD Division Chikkodi.

INNOVATE KARNATAKA — K-tech

HIRING OF MANPOWER RESOURCES

Karnataka Innovation & Technology Society(KITS) is the implementation arm of the Department of EI., IT, Bt and S&T to oversee the activities related to innovation and technology in the State of Karnataka. KITS is the nodal agency to implement schemes & programs under the Startup Policy. One of the objectives of the Startup Policy is to create an inclusive and equitable Startup ecosystem in Karnataka. To achieve this objective, KITS has collaborated with other Government Departments to promote the Startup ecosystem in the State.

KITS intends to hire the resources on contract basis and the details are given below:-

Sl. No.	Designation	Job Profile	Minimum Quantification / Experience	Remuneration Consolidated
1	Project Executive **No of Posts:** 07	To assist Startup Cell in Implementation and Monitoring selected Startups under Idea2PoC Grant Scheme.	Any degree with computer knowledge, minimum 5 years of work experience in Incubators/ Accelerators/Start-up ecosystem or related field and having good communication skills.	Rs 45,000/-

Applications are invited from eligible candidates for the above posts with age limit less than 35 years. The posts are contractual and for a maximum period of 12 months.

The details are available at https://itbtst.karnataka.gov.in. The eligible candidates should mail their updated bio-data and a recent passport size colour photo, Marks Cards, experience certificate and degree certificate to gmit.kits@gmail.com and ipokbits@gmail.com on or before 17-04-2023 by 5.00 pm. Interview will be conducted for shortlisted candidates only. The decision of Selection Committee will be final and binding.

Note: Details regarding further extension of deadline will be published on website https://itbtst.karnataka.gov.in

Sd/-
Managing Director

KARNATAKA INNOVATION & TECHNOLOGY SOCIETY (KITS)
Department of Electronics, IT, BT and S&T, Government of Karnataka
BMTC Central Offices Building, TTMC 'B' Block, 4th Floor, Shanthinagar, KH Road, Bangalore-560027. India Phone : 080-2223-1006/8. https://itbtst.karnataka.gov.in

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Form No. URC-2

Advertisement giving notice about registration under Part I of Chapter XXI [Pursuant to section 374(b) of the companies Act, 2013 and rule 4(1) of the companies (Authorized to Register) Rules, 2014]

1. Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of sub-section (2) of section 366 of the Companies Act, 2013, an application has been made to Registrar Of Companies, at 'E' Wing, 2nd Floor, Kendriya Sadana, Kormangala, Banglore-560034, Karnataka that Road To Freedom Properties LLP, a LLP may be registered under Part I of Chapter XXI of the Companies Act 2013, as a company limited by shares.

2. The principal objects of the company are as follows:

(i) To carry on the business as builders, property developers, civil, mechanical and labour contractors, building and erection engineers, dealers in, importers, exporters and manufactures of prefabricated and precast houses, materials, tools, implements, machinery and metal ware in connection therewith or incidental thereto and to carry on any other business that is customarily, usually and conveniently carried on therewith in or outside India and to purchase, acquire, take on lease, rent or in exchange or in any other lawful manner any area, land, buildings, structures and to turn the same into account, develop the same dispose off or maintain the same, to sell the same on ownership, installment or transfer rent or lease such properties to limited companies, association of persons and/ or any individuals or any other persons as the case may be.

(ii) To carry on the business of development of hi-technology industrial parks, residential townships, commercial or industrial layouts, group housing gardens, orchards, vocational training centres, leisure parks, convention centers and development of other infrastructural facilities and to act as Project Management Consultants, technical consultants and advisors in all matters relating to rural and urban infrastructural developments works of every description such as flats, apartments, multistoried complexes, houses, bunglows, shopping arcade, quarters, hotels, resorts, motels, service apartments and the like on any land of the company or upon any other lands or property.

(iii) To acquire by purchase, lease, exchange, hire or otherwise hold, manage, work, develop the resources of land and turn to account any estates, land, buildings, tenements and other property of every description, whether freehold or leasehold or other tenure and where so ever situate and any interests therein and rights connected therewith and in particular to acquire or take over certain estates situated in India or outside and all or any parts thereon and other assets used in therewith.

(iv) To carry on the business of project management and consultancy for all types of construction, development and project management work in all its branches such as industrial plants, machinery, warehouses, factories, buildings, structures, drainage & sewage works, water distribution and sewage systems, foundation works, roads, power supply works, power stations, hotels, hospitals, complexes, housing projects, laboratories, cold storages, showrooms, shops and other similar work.

3. A copy of the draft memorandum and articles of association of the proposed company may be inspected at the office at IMAGINE, No.78 ITPL Main Road, EPIP Zone Whitefield, Bangalore Karnataka 560 066.

4. Notice is hereby given that any person objecting to this application may communicate their objection in writing to the Registrar at Registrar Of Companies, 'E' Wing, 2nd Floor, Kendriya Sadana, Kormangala, Bangalore – 560 034, Karnataka, within twenty-one days from the date of publication of this notice, with a copy to the company at its registered office.

Dated this 16th day of March, 2023

For **Road To Freedom Properties LLP**
Sd/-
Kamal Sagar
Designated Partner

House matters

The government should not avoid a debate on issues of governance

The second leg of the Budget session of Parliament is in a deadlock. The ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) wants Congress leader Rahul Gandhi to apologise for remarks that he made in London recently about democratic backsliding in India; the Congress is insisting on the constitution of a Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) to probe allegations of dubious financial transactions and dishonest business practices against the Adani Group of companies. Available evidence suggests that Mr. Gandhi had categorically stated that the challenges to Indian democracy had to be sorted out domestically, and ruled out any role for foreign forces. With the Indian diaspora expanding, the ripple effects of politics in India are inevitable beyond the country's geographical boundaries. In fact, the BJP has for long believed in cultural nationalism which is not contained within the geography of India. Mr. Modi has discussed national politics before audiences around the world. A democracy that does not allow criticism, including of democracy itself, is a contradiction in terms. Mr. Gandhi has not been able to speak in Parliament and explain his remarks; meanwhile, a BJP Member has initiated a process to terminate Mr. Gandhi's Lok Sabha membership. It is an ill-advised move, and if carried out, will further amplify the fears of a democratic deficit in India.

In their clamour for an apology by Mr. Gandhi, BJP Ministers are also evading questions regarding government patronage of the Adani Group. The Congress has been seeking answers from the government on the links between the public sector Life Insurance Corporation of India and the State Bank of India with the Adani Group. The BJP and the government have been silent on this serious issue of governance that spans the government and the public and private sectors. Arbitrariness in decision making, followed by a lack of accountability, amounts to governance failure, if not collusion. The government, the Rajya Sabha chairman and the Lok Sabha Speaker should work with the Opposition for a discussion on the issues arising out of the Adani controversy. Coming clean is essential in maintaining the government's credibility, the regulatory environment and the private sector. There have been precedents of a JPC in cases of financial scandals. The BJP has the numbers to get away with any disregard for parliamentary norms, but it should rise above that temptation and evolve as a true party of governance. Parliament has a role to play in fixing accountability, and the BJP should not avoid it and betray a new level of executive impunity.

Endless delay

Constitutional functions should not be held hostage to personal differences

The frequency with which the conduct or inaction of Governors comes up for judicial scrutiny reflects poorly on the state of relations between incumbents in Raj Bhavans and the respective Chief Ministers. The Supreme Court will soon hear an extraordinary petition from the Telangana government, seeking a direction to the Governor, Dr. Tamilisai Soundararajan, to grant assent to Bills passed by the State Assembly. Recently, the apex court disposed of a petition from the Punjab Government that was aggrieved by an alleged delay in the Governor summoning the Assembly. The matter was resolved when it was submitted on behalf of the Governor that the Assembly would meet on the day desired by the State government. In earlier decades, a petition seeking a direction to Governors or questioning their inaction on constitutional matters would have been thrown out at the threshold itself. However, such is the extent to which the gubernatorial office is being overtly politicised by those holding it that courts may now be constrained to examine whether such inaction is justified. One sees a disturbing tendency in recent years of some Governors making use of the absence of a time-frame in the Constitution to indefinitely delay decisions. This tactic effectively stalls the elected regime's legislative agenda.

The conflict between Raj Bhavan and the Chief Minister's office witnessed in several States is quite acute in Telangana. Dr. Soundararajan has alleged that she is being boycotted by Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao and that her queries are not being answered. The State government, for its part, is apparently upset that she may be trying to act independent of the Cabinet. A recent tweet from her account the day after the State government went to court – conveying a message that Raj Bhavan was closer than Delhi – indicates that her stand is linked to her view that the government is unfriendly and discourteous. These considerations ought not to matter on constitutional issues. The Governor can either grant assent to a Bill or decline it, or reserve it for the President's consideration. In suitable cases, it may also be returned for reconsideration. However, none of this should be based on the Governor's personal view on the Bill's content. One can understand an occasional query if any Bill seemingly violates fundamental rights, but a relevant question that requires an authoritative pronouncement from the court is whether the Governor should decide on its legality or the legislature's competence each time a Bill is presented for assent. As the Supreme Court remarked recently, dialogue between constitutional functionaries should not become a race to the bottom. Constitutional functions should not be held hostage to political and personal differences.

The forecast after a fake news campaign in Tamil Nadu

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In early March, a malicious online disinformation campaign led to law-and-order issues and made media headlines across the country. Over a period of four days, there was a concocted and continuous narrative about migrant workers hailing from Bihar being subjected to violence in Tamil Nadu. Though the Tamil Nadu police responded with alacrity and countered these false claims with factual reports, on-the-spot investigations and personalised appeals, the spectre of disinformation that has been highlighted should not be disregarded so easily. The propagation of fake news will be one of the biggest threats to democracy in an election season, when most information is likely to be consumed through social media sources. As such, this issue should be ranked high as any other in terms of potential to destabilise democratic institutions.

A cycle of disinformation, counter-steps

On March 1, at a public meeting in Chennai to mark the 70th birthday of the Tamil Nadu Chief Minister and president of the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK), M.K. Stalin, various national leaders such as Indian National Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, Jammu and Kashmir National Conference leader Farooq Abdullah, Deputy Chief Minister of Bihar Tejashwi Yadav and Samajwadi Party Chief Akhilesh Yadav were present. It was a significant political event as it brought together a group of leaders from parties that are opposed to the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). The next day, video clips of migrant workers leaving Tamil Nadu for Holi holidays and festivities began to be shared to say that there was an exodus from the State because of incidents of violence.

To nurture this narrative, stray news stories about the death of a migrant worker were seeded online in order to build a wider campaign that there was targeted violence in Tamil Nadu against North Indians. Social media handles of BJP office-bearers from Bihar and Uttar Pradesh shared the disinformation on social media while some media outlets such as Dainik Bhaskar, a large media group, projected these stories as news, without attempting to verify the authenticity of these clips. It was left to fact checkers (Alt News) to step in and break the cycle of disinformation on social media.

In order to contain the spread of fake news, the Government of Tamil Nadu used the services of its various officials including the head of the police force to present the truth. The Tamil Nadu police put out a specific clarification that the video clips being circulated were both false and mischievous. Mr. Stalin also assured the Chief Minister of Bihar, Nitish Kumar, that there was adequate protection for migrant workers in Tamil Nadu. Helplines were set up by the Tamil Nadu government at the district level, particularly in the areas with a concentration of migrant workers. Mr. Stalin visited a surgical glove manufacturing unit near Tirunelveli and interacted with its migrant workers who were from Jharkhand, reassuring them about their safety. A high-level government delegation from Bihar also visited Tamil Nadu and confirmed first hand that there was no truth to the rumours about migrant workers being targeted in the State. In this particular instance, the response of Tamil Nadu was a textbook case of rebuttal to stop the spread of disinformation and contain its symptoms. However, the malaise of disinformation runs much deeper. When one looks at what is happening in other parts of the world, it is apparent that disinformation campaigns have the potential to unfairly manipulate social and political outcomes.

> Disinformation campaigns could be used to manipulate social and political outcomes, as a concocted narrative about the safety of migrant workers in the southern State shows

Measures overseas versus the Indian scene

Keeping this in mind, several countries have already felt the need to have in place robust responses to disinformation. The European Union (EU) has put out the Code of Practice on Disinformation 2022. Some of the strengthened initiatives of the EU Code include transparency in political advertising, empowerment of fact-checkers and researchers, tools to flag disinformation, and measures to reduce manipulative behaviour. The United Kingdom has proposed enacting an Online Safety Bill which will expect social media platforms (intermediaries) to actively monitor problematic content. Even as the U.K. Bill is being reviewed by a committee in the House of Lords, there are already calls from a number of companies, including WhatsApp and Signal, to scrap the legislation in the interest of privacy. During the progress of the U.K. Bill, the provisions to monitor "legal but harmful" content have already been replaced with greater onus on social media platforms to enforce their terms and conditions in accordance with their policies.

On the other hand, there has been little or no serious discussion on the menace and the extent of disinformation in India. The Union of India has only employed knee-jerk measures such as Internet shutdowns across jurisdictions without due regard to the doctrine of proportionality. This response, to put it mildly, is over-simplistic, non-transparent and autocratic. A more studied, comprehensive and calculated set of legislative actions is required if there is to be a balance between allowing free speech under Article 19 of the Constitution of India, and protecting citizens from falling prey to malicious disinformation.

In the case of *Tehseen S. Poonawalla vs Union Of India* (2018) the Supreme Court of India had held that it is the duty of the Union and State governments to take steps to curb dissemination of "irresponsible and explosive messages and videos having content which is likely to incite mob violence and lynching of any kind". Many people can recollect the panic India witnessed in many instances as a result of fake news during the early months of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Supreme Court in *Alakh Alok Srivastava vs Union Of India* (2020) dealt with A Public Interest Litigation on the plight of migrant workers walking thousands of kilometres back home when the country went into its first lockdown. Such instances illustrate the real dangers to public order as a result of the dissemination of fake news.

In the name of 'unpalatable content'

Rather than coming up with a robust framework to tackle the root causes of disinformation, the Union has granted itself greater powers to strike down any content that is found to be unpalatable. With the use of Section 69A of the Information Technology Act, 2000, the Union Government has blocked access to any information online that it considers necessary in the interest of the sovereignty and the integrity of India, the security of the state or public order. More recently, the Union brought out the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021 , or IT Rules, 2021, to regulate content by online publishers of news and social media intermediaries. The recent draft amendments to the IT Rules, 2021, empower the Press Information Bureau, which functions under the Union Ministry of Information and Broadcasting to 'flag inaccurate and fake news related to government bodies on social media platforms' amounts to disinformation. It is apparent that the focus has more to do with containing criticism against the Union Government and its leaders than about blocking fake news as such.

The spate of disinformation projecting discord between Tamils and migrant workers residing in the state of Tamil Nadu is nothing but an attempt to incite communal disharmony between the two groups. It is unfortunate that several social media handles that belong to BJP office-bearers as well as some media outlets propagated these untruths without any regard for consequences. However, it is the timing of the campaign, especially after the March 1 event, which points the needle of suspicion to the BJP and its affiliates. Though the overall damage this disinformation campaign has caused was contained on this occasion, it serves as an ominous indicator of what lies ahead in the lead up to the general election in 2024, where voters will rely on information through social media more than any other source.

Article inputs by Arunpandiyan S.

The plan of a 'right of way' in South India

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When the Ayodhya movement led to the dramatic rise in the Bharatiya Janata Party(BJP)'s Lok Sabha seat tally – two in 1984 and 85 seats in 1989 – it was explained away as a largely North Indian story. The BJP, it was further argued, would not be able to replicate these results in the south because of its distinct history. By 2008, with the formation of the BJP government in Karnataka, the argument turned out to be wrong.

Clearly, the south is neither invincible nor impenetrable for the Hindu Right, though it does offer some challenges that are of a different kind when compared to the other regions of India. Ever since 2014, when the BJP came to power at the Centre, the party has unleashed an aggressive campaign at multiple levels to win over the rest of the south.

While it is hard to predict when the BJP could emerge to be electorally hegemonic in the south, the right is showing great determination to mobilise voters in every southern State.

In September 2022 and in February this year, the Madras High Court had directed the Tamil Nadu police and passed an order, respectively, allowing the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) to conduct its marches in Tamil Nadu – the RSS conducts such marches quite regularly. Elsewhere, where these are conducted, there have been conflicts between RSS cadres and cadres of rival secular parties, such as the Left and the Congress in Kerala. Karnataka, particularly its coastal region, has seen a massive rise of Islamophobia.

The Popular Front of India (PFI) is alleged to have contributed to the radicalisation of Muslims in the region for many years, leading to its banning in September 2022 by the Ministry of Home Affairs. Prime Minister Narendra Modi, on the other hand, has been calling for a BJP outreach to Pasmanda Muslims.

> The right-wing's determination in political mobilisation in every southern State will create a new set of challenges for the minorities

In the wider context of the churn in India's polity, the politics of religious polarisation across Hindu-Muslim lines in India's south is steadily becoming the name of the game.

Threats to nuanced social links

Islam arrived in the south as early as the Eighth or Ninth century. According to historian Susan Bayly, Islam in the south expanded by means of Sufi traditions and Arab settlers through trade. By the 13th and 14th centuries, it began to spread in the hinterland. Social stratifications in the south have also been quite distinct from that in the north. For instance, in Tamil Nadu, Muslims of Arab origin are known as Marakkayars and the local converts are called Labbais.

Social relationships among Hindus and Muslims in the south are also deeper and more nuanced. In vast parts of Tamil Nadu, the Muslim Allah was and still is referred as Allah Swami. In Tiruchirapalli, Muslims and people of the Kammalan caste address each other as mani, or paternal uncle. Likewise, Muslims address people of the Pallan caste as grandson and granddaughter, and in turn, Muslims were called grandfather.

Such deeply intertwined cultural and religious practices between Hindus and Muslims should stand in the way of the right's politics of polarisation, but that does not seem to be the case. Strategies such as a weaponisation of history (like that of Tipu Sultan or the hijab controversy) that are very similar to strategies that brought the right's dominance in the north are now being unleashed in the south. The Asaduddin Owaisi-led All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM) is being attacked as a party of razakkars by the BJP – though secular parties have been attacking the AIMIM as the BJP's B team. In the offensive that the right has been unleashing, an incredibly rich Sufi history of Muslims in the south is becoming fragile and vulnerable.

Forging an identity

In making Muslim identity as the south's native identity, the Dravidian movement (specifically, Periyar's leadership), played a decisive role. The force and the rationale for his campaign for Tamil Muslims as integral to Dravidian identity was so persuasive that even Mohammad Ali Jinnah has to concede to it. In the 1940 Lahore resolution, Jinnah famously argued Hindus and Muslims to be separate nations; but a year later, in April 1941 in Chennai, at the 28th annual session of the All India Muslim League, Jinnah said, "In this land of ours, there is another nation Dravidstan. This land is really Dravidstan... I shall do all I can to establish Dravidstan and we Muslims will stretch our hand of friendship and live with you on lines of equality, justice and fair play."

It has been argued that given the distinct brand of politics that regional parties stand for, the BJP cannot expand in the south. But the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam and the All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam have had political alliances with the BJP at various times since the 1990s.

It is true that regional parties have defeated the BJP in many States – in Telangana, and Andhra Pradesh, for instance. While this sounds persuasive, it may not hold true for ever. The BJP has been able to weaken regional parties by using state agencies and backdoor machinations, examples being the cases of the Aam Aadmi Party in Delhi or the Shiv Sena in Maharashtra. Given such strategies, one is not too sure how long regional parties will be able to sustain their struggle. Given this scenario, there is a fair opportunity for the right's expansion in the south, thus creating a new set of challenges for its minorities, particularly Muslims.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

In Parliament

The ruckus in Parliament has multiple impacts on the standard of operating democracy in India. There is a near absence of time spent on qualitative discussions and debates. It must be noted that the average time spent discussing a Bill dropped from 213 minutes in 2019 to 85 minutes in 2021. The intent not to answer the Opposition demands for a discussion on the Adani issue (possibly linked to causing greater financial trouble) is not a responsible act. It is distressing that there is a lack of parliamentary will to discuss important issues.

M. Ajay Ram,
Hyderabad

Our elected representatives enjoy fat salaries and even fatter perks. But do their acts justify the public funds being spent on them? The answer lies in the continuous washout of sessions in the House. The House getting adjourned without transacting any productive business is a scar on our democracy. It is an exercise in futility to debate whether the Treasury Benches or the Opposition parties are responsible for the logjam. It is time our elected representatives realise that there are serious issues to be debated that concern the common man.

S. Seshadri,
Chennai

In the parliamentary logjam, there is a complete silence on issues of unemployment, low wages for unorganised workers, loss of shareholders' funds, opacity about electoral funding, and even the state of institutions, to name a few. When will our parliamentarians ever think of these?

M.V. Sridhara,
Mysuru

An exam no show

It is both surprising and shocking that nearly 51,000 students stayed away from writing the language paper of the Class 12 public examinations (Tamil Nadu, March 17). I suggest that a supplementary exam is conducted immediately after all the other examinations are over so that the absentees can be given a second chance.

Kooduthuraiyan,
Coimbatore

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A temple of the Kattunayakans at Bennai village inside the Mudumalai Tiger Reserve in Tamil Nadu. The Adivasis say leaving the forest was tantamount to abandoning the gods. (Right): The Kattunayakans and Paniyas of Bennai village say they were coerced into moving or misinformed about the benefits of relocation. M. SATHYAMOORTHY

Left high and dry in the Nilgiris

More than 700 families, including Adivasis, were incentivised to leave the Mudumalai Tiger Reserve in the Nilgiris as a part of a 'golden handshake' with the Tamil Nadu Forest Department. But many of them complain of broken promises and abandonment, reports **Rohan Premkumar**

On a hot afternoon in Cheppodu, an unhappy G. Maaran sits outside his mud house under a protruding thatched roof made of materials gathered from the forests. The old man owns a herd of goats, which stand bleating under a withered tree towering over his small house. Maaran used to live in Bennai, just a stone's throw away, in the Mudumalai Tiger Reserve of Tamil Nadu. Maaran says the Forest Department tried relocating him and other Adivasi families to areas outside the tiger reserve. But dissatisfied with what was promised to them, these families have moved from Bennai to Cheppodu, which is also in the reserve.

Maaran is a member of the Kattunayakan tribe, an indigenous group who live in the forests of the Mudumalai Tiger Reserve and Guldalur in the Nilgiris. The Kattunayakans, Irulas, Paniyas and Kurumbas were incentivised to leave the tiger reserve as a part of the 'golden handshake' agreement between the Tamil Nadu Forest Department and more than 700 families.

The agreement was formulated by the government after the Mountadden and Wayanadan Chetty communities obtained an order from the Madras High Court in 2007 seeking relocation away from the forest citing a lack of basic amenities. The Adivasis claim that the Chettys were inclined to relocate as they had no traditional ties to the forest, whereas the Adivasis do. They say they were either coerced into moving or misinformed about the benefits of relocation. The aim of the 'golden handshake' was to not just benefit the local communities inside the tiger reserve, but also aid conservation efforts.

The 701 families from 30 small hamlets were to be relocated in three phases, with each opting for a one-time payment of ₹10 lakh, or land and housing equivalent to the land they forfeited to the government. The first phase began in earnest only in 2017, a decade after the agreement. Till date, 569 families from the four Adivasi groups and the Mountadden and Wayanadan Chetty communities have been relocated, say officials from the Mudumalai Tiger Reserve, while 132 families remain within the tiger reserve. A total of ₹66.19 crore has been sanctioned for the project.

'We feel cheated'

Angry with the Department for "cheating them," Maaran and 40 families from the Kattunayakan tribe from Bennai have once again built houses on the forest land. It is in this hut surrounded by goats that Maaran sits now.

"I thought I was being promised ₹10 lakh in cash, a house and land by the government. But in the end, I only got some money, not the full amount I was promised," he says.

G. Appu, another resident in Cheppodu, says the communities did not receive documents for the land that they purchased. "With the money and through mediation by a Forest Department personnel, I purchased around 25 cents of land (one cent is 0.01 acres). But I still don't have a patta (documentation). The owner of the land says the land documents are with the Revenue Department and that he is yet to see them," says Appu. "As we are poor and many of us haven't gone to school, many of the landowners have cheated us."

Like Appu, Maaran opted for a one-time payout and bought a vehicle that he rents out to transport goods. According to Maaran, the Forest Department said that all his sons, who were above the age of 18 when the scheme was implemented, would be eligible for compensation.

> Is the forest safer now that we have moved?
>
> **MAADHAN**
> Resident of the Mudumalai Tiger Reserve

"Even though three of my children are eligible for compensation, only one of them has got the money," he says.

K. Mahendran, an Adivasi rights activist from the Nilgiris, says many of the Adivasis who were resettled outside the tiger reserve are unclear about what they were owed in the first place. "While the Mountadden and Wayanadan Chettys wanted to relocate from the reserve, and have largely been able to do so with few complications, the Kattunayakans and the Paniyas have not been resettled fairly. As many people seem to have been involved in the process of resettlement, and promises were made with little paperwork or documentation, it seems that most people were not informed clearly or were even misinformed about what they would receive for relocating," he says.

The two communities claim that they have been cheated by a few Forest Department staff, some landowners and middlemen. "While this is difficult to prove, it should be probed by the police," says Mahendran.

The activist has been trying to ascertain the level of fraud committed against the community members, but says this is a challenge. "First, it is difficult to gain the trust of the community as they are suspicious of outsiders. And even when you gain their trust, it is difficult to ascertain exactly who has cheated them," he explains. "For instance, one old woman told me that she has ₹3 lakh inside her house. When I asked her to show me the money, she only had ₹3,000 with her. Someone had told her that it was ₹3 lakh and had given it to her."

Based on his interactions with the community, Mahendran says that most of the people who bought land with the money they were given do not have pattas. "My suspicion is that either the land brokers over-inflated land prices and took a share of the money, or that they took the money from them and made them settle on government lands," he says.

G. Malaichamy, a Nilgiris-based lawyer who has filed a complaint with the police along with 21 Adivasis from Nagampalli and Puliyampara, says there have been many cases of fraud. "Based on our complaint, a case had been registered by the District Crime Branch Police for fraud and under the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act against a forest ranger, a guard, a lawyer and some brokers for cheating the Adivasis who were relocated," he says.

In many of the cases, Adivasis were sold land for which there was no documentation, says Malaichamy. The lawyer argues that the funds for the relocation should have been handed over by at least 2010, when land was affordable. But now, due to inflation, the money given to them will get them no more than a few cents of land, which he says is simply unsustainable to earn a living through agriculture.

"In 2010, one cent of land in the area sold for around ₹25,000. Now the rates have increased, with people finding it difficult to purchase land for anything less than ₹3 lakh per cent," he says.

Poor quality of life

In the village of Palapally, G. Bindu lives in a small two-room house with her husband. They were relocated to the village in 2018 from the Nagampally settlement in Mudumalai Tiger Reserve. Bindu has planted vegetables in the one acre of land. But she has no documents to prove ownership of the property. "Last year, due to heavy rain, we suffered crop damage amounting to ₹1 lakh. Even if we want to apply for a loan or compensation, we are not able to, since we don't have the documents to prove that we own the land. We fear that the government may evict us in the future," she says. Bindu also says the quality of life too has not improved in their new home. "Our houses don't have electricity connection or running water," she says.

The government built houses for a few Adivasi families from Bennai. In one settlement, known as Bennai Number 1, residents live in dilapidated houses. Many of these structures suffered damage during the heavy rains in 2018 and 2019.

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> **MAARAN**
> Resident, Bennai village, Mudumalai Tiger Reserve

Maadhan, a 76-year-old resident who depends on the Public Distribution System for food, doesn't understand the rationale behind the relocation process. He points out that the families have been moved just a few hundred yards from their village, which was inside the tiger reserve. "Is the forest safer now that we have moved?" he wonders.

He too complains about the structures. "During the rains, the roofs leak and these places get flooded. Our thatched roofed houses, which we had built ourselves, used to protect us more effectively than these homes built by the government. At least those houses could be repaired with materials from the forests nearby. These houses are expensive to repair and renovate without the government's help. It is almost impossible to stay here," he says.

A sense of regret

Stan Thekaekara, co-founder of Action for Community Organisation, Rehabilitation and Development (ACCORD), an NGO which has been working to protect the rights of Adivasis in Gudalur for over three decades, says there have been many cases of fraud perpetrated against Adivasi groups during the relocation process. "What is clear from the bank passbooks of the community members is that they were pressured into withdrawing large sums of money. They were promised land and housing but after the money was handed over to the middlemen, they did not get what was promised. They allege that they were shown government lands and government housing for the money they paid. Many Adivasis who opted for the one-time payment option of ₹10 lakh said that during the disbursement of the first phase of the payment of ₹7 lakh, they only received a few thousands. The rest, they say, was pocketed by various people," he says.

Thekaekara also speaks of the deep connections the communities have with their land. "For many older community members, it is almost impossible to leave the forests, which are home to sacred groves and sites where they worship," he says.

When the plans of relocation were first conveyed to them, the Adivasis passed resolutions in Gram Sabhas refusing to move out from the forests. But after this, say villagers of Cheppodu and Bennai Number 1, community leaders were persuaded or coerced into negotiating with the villagers by the Forest Department, and they finally agreed to the move.

Maaran from Cheppodu points to a temple where the Adivasis pray. Leaving the forest was tantamount to abandoning the gods, he says. "We now fear that if we leave, the Forest Department may stop us from visiting our temples and praying here in Cheppodu."

Maaran says many Adivasis who have moved out as part of the relocation plan have told him that they regret their decision. "Our lives are intertwined with the forest and its animals. None of us have ever had problems with elephants or tigers, though we spot them regularly near the village. If we are forced to move, our identities too will be lost," he worries.

Conducting an inquiry

Despite these allegations of fraud and cheating, the Forest Department is continuing with the relocation process. D. Venkatesh, Field Director of Mudumalai Tiger Reserve, confirms that the third phase of the relocation process is ongoing, with the Collector ensuring oversight of the relocation process. In the first two phases, a total of 569 families were relocated. Another 132 families, including Adivasis and Chettys, are to be relocated in the next phase, say officials.

Nilgiris Collector S.P. Amrith says the Adivasis who claim to have been cheated should approach him with a complaint. He promises to look into the allegations made by the residents. He adds that the process of issuing pattas is ongoing, with more than 100 families who are part of the relocation plan having been offered pattas recently.

When asked about the allegations of fraud against the Forest Department staff, C. Vidhya, Deputy Director of Mudumalai Tiger Reserve (Core Area), says following the First Information Report, which was filed in 2019 (against Forest Department staff and land brokers), a sub-committee was formed to "enumerate the number of families affected by the malfeasance." Once this inquiry is completed, steps would be taken to compensate affected persons, she says.

"Neither us nor the forests have benefited from the relocation scheme," says Maaran. "Only a few Forest Department staff and some middlemen have profited from the funds that were meant for the Adivasis. Why would we trust anything the government says in the future?"

Maaran contends that the villagers will not leave Cheppodu until there are more favourable negotiations or, at the very least, they are given what they were promised as part of the original relocation plan.

Children of Bennai village inside the Mudumalai Tiger Reserve. M. SATHYAMOORTHY

From Page One

Karnataka, T.N. among 7 States to get textile parks

Mr. Goyal hoped that the proposed world-class industrial infrastructure would attract cutting edge technology and boost foreign direct investment and local investment in the sector. The Textiles Ministry will oversee the execution of projects in the PM MITRA parks, according to an official statement.

"An SPV [Special Purpose Vehicle] owned by Centre and State Government will be set up for each park which will oversee the implementation of the project. The Ministry of Textiles will provide financial support in the form of Development Capital Support up to ₹500 crore per park to the Park SPV," the Ministry said.

"A Competitive Incentive Support (CIS) up to ₹300 crore per park to the units in PM MITRA Park shall also be provided to incentivise speedy implementation. Convergence with other Government of India schemes shall also be facilitated in order to ensure additional incentives to the master developer and investor units," added the statement.

Mr. Goyal said that State governments have offered to provide at least 1,000 acres of land for free for the parks and will also facilitate provision of all utilities such as power and water. He said that ₹200 crore has been allotted as an initial investment.

"PM MITRA Parks represent a unique model where the Centre and State governments will work together to increase investment, promote innovation, create job opportunities and ultimately make India a global hub for textile manufacturing and exports," the Ministry added.

Tiger helps uncover timber 'depots' in forest

"There are reasons to believe that the logging activities may have forced the tiger out of the dense, core area of Namdapha towards the bungalow, which is close to a 157-km road from Miao to Vijaynagar through a large stretch of the park," a forest official said, declining to be quoted.

The office of Namdapha's field director is at Miao, a sub-divisional town. Vijaynagar, close to the Myanmar border, is Changlang's remotest circle headquarters.

The core area, largely inaccessible, is often not patrolled because the park is understaffed, the official said. Park officials got a whiff of the logging activities while checking out the tiger's haunts in the core area.

According to a first information report (FIR) filed by forest range officer T. Mali at the Miao police station, eight people were caught on March 14 during a raid led by Changlang's Deputy Commissioner Sunny K. Singh. All eight, arrested later, are from Miao and adjoining villages. The team seized an excavator, a pickup and two trucks, one loaded with logs. Another excavator and two trucks were founded abandoned.

"As per the preliminary survey, more than 2,000 CFT (cubic foot) of timber is lying at several depots en route", requiring extraction and scientific assessment, the FIR read.

"We will go to every possible length under the ambit of the law to preserve the rich flora and fauna of Namdapha National Park. All sections of relevant laws have been invoked to book the people involved (in timber smuggling)," Mr. Singh told *The Hindu*.

Cong. moves privilege motion against PM

Party general secretary K.C. Venugopal writes to Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar seeking breach of privilege proceedings against Narendra Modi over his 'mocking' remarks in the Upper House asking why former Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru's family did not use the surname

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Congress general secretary and Rajya Sabha member K.C. Venugopal on Friday wrote to Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar seeking privilege proceedings against Prime Minister Narendra Modi over his remarks on why former Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru's family did not use his surname.

In his notice, Mr. Venugopal mentioned that the comments of the Prime Minister were "distasteful, derogatory and defamatory" against Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi.

The move comes a day after reports that the BJP is exploring the possibility of getting Mr. Gandhi "suspended" if he doesn't apologise for his "democracy under threat" remarks.

The Prime Minister had made the remarks during his reply to the Motion of Thanks on the President's Address in the Rajya Sabha on February 9 during the first part of the Budget session.

"I hereby give a notice of question of privilege against the Prime Minister of India under Rule 188 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Council of States (Rajya Sabha) for having cast reflections upon members of Parliament during his reply to the Motion of Thanks on the President's Address on February 9, 2023," Mr. Venugopal said in his notice. The Congress leader, also in his notice, claimed that Mr. Modi's question on why the Gandhis did not use Nehru as a surname is "preposterous" as the Prime Minister knows very well that the daughter does not take the surname of the father.

"Despite knowing that, he deliberately mocked...The tone and tenor of the remark are insinuating and derogatory in nature. This clearly amounts to casting reflections upon Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi by the Prime Minister, which breaches their privileges and tantamounts to contempt of the House. I seek privilege proceedings against Shri Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of India, for making derogatory, insulting, distasteful and defamatory remarks," the Congress leader said in his notice.

United stand: Mallikarjun Kharge, Sonia Gandhi, Rahul Gandhi and other Opposition MPs during a protest over the Adani issue, at Parliament House complex in New Delhi, on Friday. PTI

Congress flags SEBI silence over NSE stance

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Congress on Friday raised questions about the stock market regulator looking away from the National Stock Exchange (NSE) decision to move Adani Group stocks out of the additional surveillance framework, and reiterated concerns about investors' funds being routed into group's stocks that have been added to various Nifty indices.

Inquiring into the market regulator's silence on the issue, Mr. Ramesh asked: "Why is SEBI (Securities Exchange Board of India) standing by as the NSE chooses to protect the Adani Group's interests rather than that of lakhs of small investors?"

SC to have talks with govt. on office space for lawyers

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud on Friday said the Supreme Court preferred talks with the government for more land to provide lawyers office space over using its judicial power, which may lead to "disquiet".

The flexing of judicial powers by the top court may convey the impression that the judiciary was trying to "bulldoze" the government to expand its own needs.

A Special Bench of Chief Justice Chandrachud, Justices S.K. Kaul and P.S. Narasimha said it would be better for the administrative side of the top court to approach the government for land rather than involve the judicial arm through formal court orders.

The Bench was hearing a plea by the Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA) for more land for

office space in the vicinity of the Supreme Court complex.

SCBA president, senior advocate Vikas Singh, even referred to how alternate land has been given to the nearby Foreign Correspondents Club.

Chief Justice Chandrachud reacted by asking Mr. Singh "how can we take over the different institutions around us? Yes, lawyers are part of our institution. If we start using our own orders to protect our own institution, it will lead to disquiet. It will give an impression that the Supreme Court is using its judicial powers to expand its own needs". Justice Kaul said the SCBA's needs can be put forward as an administrative proposal.

"Yes, lawyers have a need. But trust the court to take up this matter on the administrative side... We cannot use our judicial power to bulldoze the government," Chief Justice Chandrachud observed.

Justice Narasimha said it would be more beneficial for lawyers to allow administrative dialogue to happen rather than insist on judicial orders from the court.

"The government takes our proposals on the administrative side very seriously. For example, in the e-courts project, the government gave ₹7,000 crore without a single culling. We engage constantly with the government on the administrative side," the Bench informed the lawyers.

It finally reserved the case for orders.

Law panel to examine simultaneous elections

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The issue of holding simultaneous elections to the Lok Sabha and the State Assemblies has been referred to the Law Commission for further examination, Law Minister Kiren Rijiju told the Lok Sabha on Friday. The Minister argued in favour of holding simultaneous elections as it would not only result in savings to the exchequer but it also enlist "imperatives" such as amending the Constitution and bringing all political parties on board.

He said that simultaneous elections would require amendments in "not less than five" Articles of the Constitution – Articles 83 relating to duration of Houses of Parliament, 85 dissolution of Lok Sabha, 172 duration of the State legislatures, 174 dissolution of the State legislatures, and 356.

Seeking reports from R&AW on judges not usual, says Rijiju in LS

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Kiren Rijiju

Seeking reports from Research and Analysis Wing (R&AW) on recommendations for appointment of judges to High Courts and the Supreme Court is not usual and is done only under extraordinary circumstances involving national security, Law Minister Kiren Rijiju informed the Lok Sabha on Friday.

Mr. Rijiju also quoted the recent Supreme Court order to argue that political background by itself has "not been an absolute bar" to appoint an otherwise suitable person as a judge.

Political leanings

The Minister's written answer was in response to a question from Congress leader Manish Tewari who had asked if it is a practice to seek R&AW reports and if the government factored in political leanings in judicial appointments. Responding to the bit about R&AW feedback and sexual orientation of a person proposed for judgeship, the Minister said, "generally, it is not a practice to seek R&AW reports except in extraordinary circumstances, involving issues related to national security," Mr. Rijiju added.

Though the reply did not mention any detail, Mr. Tewari tweeted, "I fail to understand what "extraordinary circumstances warranted R&AW input for judgeship of Saurabh Kirpal."

Ways of worship cannot be a reason for conflict between communities, says RSS chief

Ishita Mishra
NEW DELHI

Rashtriya Swayamsewak Sangh (RSS) chief Mohan Bhagwat launched the first Urdu translation of the *Samaveda*, one of the four Vedas of Hinduism, by Bollywood scriptwriter and filmmaker Iqbal Durrani at New Delhi on Friday. Mr. Bhagwat, while praising the efforts of Mr. Durrani, stated that "different ways of worship cannot be a reason for conflict between communities".

"We must understand that there are several paths that are being taken by different people. Some worship land, some water and some fire. But the destination of every human being is one and the same," Mr. Bhagwat said, while quoting a story from Vedic texts.

Mr. Bhagwat, who in the past had maintained that untouchability and discrimination are grave threats to society and must be shunned, cited another story in which a student is being told how a person becomes "respected" because of his integrity and not by his birth. "*Vyakti ka gotra uskey janam se nahi pehechana jata, uski satyanishtha se pehechana jata hai* (the lineage of a person doesn't come from where he is born but from his integrity)," he said.

Speaking at the event, Mr. Durrani compared the time of Mughal ruler Aurangzeb and the present regime of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and maintained that the former had lost and the latter has won when it comes to saving the humanity.

The RSS chief, on several occasions, had maintained that it is important to take all the sections of society together, to make India '*vishwa guru*' (knowledge giver).

The Sangh as well as BJP, on several occasions, have hinted towards strengthening their Muslim outreach. However, RSS general secretary Dattatreya Hosabale, on March 14 had said that RSS "never went to anyone but it never rejects the invitation from anyone".

Mohan Bhagwat during the launch of the first Urdu translation of the *Samaveda*, at Red Fort in New Delhi on Friday. R.V. MOORTHY

States get 3 weeks to reply to pleas against anti-conversion law

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Each State's law was used by the other as a 'building block' to make a more 'virulent' law, says petitioners' lawyer

The Supreme Court on Friday gave States three more weeks to file counter-affidavits to petitions challenging their anti-religious conversion laws, even as senior advocate Dushyant Dave said that 40 people are on the run and missionaries catering to the needs of the poor in Uttar Pradesh have been shut down owing to these statutes.

Appearing before a Bench led by Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud, senior advocate C.U. Singh, for petitioner Citizens for Justice and Peace, said that more States are trying to "jump into the bandwagon" even while the court is hearing the case.

Chief Justice Chandrachud said that his Bench does not keep a case pending for long and gave the petitioners two weeks to submit their rejoinders after the States have filed their counter-affidavits.

The court said that States which have been made parties in multiple petitions in the case need to only file a common counter-affidavit in order to save time.

'Virulent laws'

Mr. Singh had further argued that these State laws amounted to undue interference in a person's right of choice of faith and life partner.

He said that each State's law was used by the other as a "building block" to make a more "virulent" law for itself.

The religious conversion laws under challenge mandate a person proposing to convert or a priest who would preside over the ceremony to take prior permission from the local District Magistrate.

SP to keep equal distance from BJP and Congress, in tune with Trinamool stance

Shiv Sahay Singh
KOLKATA

The Samajwadi Party will maintain an equal distance from both the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and the Congress, party president Akhilesh Yadav said on Friday, before he met with West Bengal Chief Minister and Trinamool Congress chairperson Mamata Banerjee at her Kolkata residence. Sources indicated that, at their meeting, the two leaders agreed to such a stance.

"In Bengal, we are with Mamata *didi*. Right now, our stand is we want to maintain equal distance from both the BJP and the Congress," Mr. Yadav said.

'Alliance before polls'

The SP leader is in Kolkata for the national executive meeting of his party and maintained that regional parties will hold the key to the 2024 Lok Sabha polls.

"If you look at the States, then most MPs who will be elected [in 2024] will neither be from the BJP nor from the Congress," Mr. Yadav told journalists in Kolkata in response to a question asking whether it would be possible to defeat the BJP without the Congress party."

The SP leader said that he was "hopeful of an alliance or a front taking shape before the 2024 Lok Sabha polls".

"Everyone wants a chance because nobody has done the damage which the BJP has done to the country," he said.

The SP chief's remarks are in tune with the stand taken by the Trinamool chairperson, who had previously announced that her party would contest the 2024 Lok Sabha polls alone.

On March 3, Ms. Banerjee had stated that there would be an alliance between the people and the Trinamool.

Meanwhile, hours before the meeting, the Trinamool Congress in a press conference accused the Congress of pretending to be the big boss of the Opposition parties.

Disruptions continue in Parliament; Cong. hits out at mute telecast of LS proceedings

First week of Budget Session's second leg was a washout with both Houses in a logjam over protests; Opposition members react sharply to televised proceedings being inaudible and accuse the ruling party of stifling dissent but Lok Sabha Secretariat says it was the result of a technical glitch

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NEW DELHI

Amid chaos: Lok Sabha was adjourned for the day in 20 minutes, after it convened in the morning amid slogan shouting by both Treasury and Opposition benches. PTI

The first week of the second leg of the Budget Session was a washout, as both ruling and Opposition parties hardened their stance, with the audio of the televised proceedings of the Lok Sabha being muted.

Sources in the Lok Sabha Secretariat told *The Hindu* that the audio of the televised proceedings got muted because of a "technical issue", but the Opposition members reacted sharply and accused the ruling establishment of stifling their voices.

Lok Sabha adjourned for the day in 20 minutes, after it convened in the morning amid slogan shouting by both Treasury and Opposition benches.

The ruling side continued to demand an apology from Congress leader Rahul Gandhi for his alleged "anti-India" remarks that he made in the U.K, while the Opposition reiterated its call for a Joint Parliamentary Committee probe into the Adani-Hindenburg issue.

Adding to the chorus, the Congress members, soon after the House assembled for the day, demanded that Mr. Gandhi, who was present in the House, be allowed to speak. Coinciding with their slogans "*Rahul Ji Ko Bolne Do*" (Let Mr. Gandhi speak), the audio of *Sansad TV* was muted.

On Friday, Congress leader Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury, who met Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla at his chamber, asserted that there cannot be any breakthrough unless Mr. Gandhi is allowed to speak.

"It is his right to speak and respond to the allegations on the floor of the House," Mr. Chowdhury said. "How can you break the logjam when the ruling party is resorting to disruptions?" the Congress MP asked.

Mr. Birla's exhortations to bring the House in order went in vain. "Honourable members, I appeal to you to allow the House to run smoothly. People did not send you here to do this. I will give everyone an opportunity to speak, but the House has to be in order," Mr. Birla said. As protesting members ignored his pleas, the Speaker adjourned the House.

The Congress reacted sharply to the audio of *Sansad TV* being muted. Party's Deputy Leader in Lok Sabha, Gaurav Gogoi, called it "a new low for democracy under Prime Minister Narendra Modi".

Lok Sabha MP Shashi Tharoor tweeted, "The muting of sound on *Sansad TV* is a new technique. You don't need to switch off individual microphones if you can shut down the transmission of sound to the world!"

Party's general secretary (communications) Jairam Ramesh, speaking to *The Hindu,* further elaborated on the point. "Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar claimed a few days ago that mics are never switched off in India's Parliament. I had immediately challenged that claim and incurred his displeasure. This morning, mics were indeed switched off in Lok Sabha for more than 15 minutes and there is conclusive evidence for it," he said.

The Rajya Sabha ran for 20 minutes with initial calm while tabling papers and the Standing Committee reports.

Chairman Dhankhar informed the House that he had received 11 adjournment notices under Rule 267 (seeking suspension of day's business to discuss important issues) but disallowed those.

The members of the Treasury benches stood up in protest repeating similar slogans as their Lok Sabha colleagues. Taking up the point of order raised by Mr. Kharge, the Chairman directed Leader of the House Piyush Goyal to authenticate the assertions made by him on March 13 and 14.

Rahul Gandhi is part of toolkit working against India: Nadda

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

> Never before in independent India, has any leader done what Mr. Gandhi has done on foreign soil
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> **J.P. NADDA**
> BJP President

Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) president J.P. Nadda on Friday joined the ruling party chorus demanding an apology from Rahul Gandhi for the remarks the latter made in U.K. on the state of Indian democracy.

He accused Mr. Gandhi of becoming a "permanent part of the toolkit" working against India that seeks a weak government so as to exploit it for its benefits.

The Congress immediately hit back, with party president Mallikarjun Kharge saying that those who are "anti-nationals" themselves must not preach his party about patriotism, ruling out any apology from Mr. Gandhi.

In a video statement, Mr. Nadda accused Mr. Gandhi of speaking the language of "anti-India" George Soros, a billionaire financier, and alleged that the Congress and the "so-called Left liberals" have become a part of the "deep state" conspiracy involving foreign forces against the country.

"Anti-national" Congress leaders have been speaking the language of Pakistan, he added.

He said that Mr. Gandhi's remarks are also an insult to the people's mandate and a result of the Congress's frustration about their consecutive defeats in general elections and the State Assembly polls.

It is a very serious matter, Mr. Nadda said, that Mr. Gandhi is now working with the foreign conspirators, who are trying to attack India both "economically and strategically".

"Never before in independent India, has any leader done what Mr. Gandhi has done on foreign soil," Mr. Nadda said. Pointing out the irony, Mr. Nadda said the comments against the Indian democracy was made in a country that subjugated India for long.

The Congress has dismissed the BJP's accusations and asserted that Mr. Gandhi will not apologise. He has sought permission to speak in Parliament to respond to the criticism levelled against him by the ruling party members in both Houses.

Parliamentary proceedings have so far been a washout over the row.

Mr. Kharge said, "They are anti-nationals from before. Even at the time of Independence, they [BJP people] did not participate in the movement to get freedom for the country. Those who are anti-nationals themselves are calling others anti-national."

"Modi ji himself has gone to six-seven countries and said on foreign soil that 'people of India are saying that what sin did we commit that we were born in India'. Such a person is calling us anti-national?" he asked in a tweet.

He reminded the ruling party of Mr. Modi's comments as Prime Minister during his visits to China, United States and South Korea, where he "insulted the citizens of India".

NIA files three chargesheets against PFI, its leaders

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has filed three separate chargesheets against the now-banned Popular Front of India (PFI), its leaders and members on multiple charges.

On Friday, the agency arraigned 68 accused in two separate cases in Kochi and Chennai. "With these, the total number of chargesheets filed by the NIA against the PFI this month has gone up to four. The first chargesheet was filed in Jaipur on March 13 and the second in Hyderabad on March 16," it said.

Delhi court extends ED custody of Manish Sisodia

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Manish Sisodia

A Delhi court on Friday allowed the Enforcement Directorate (ED) to have five days custody of former Deputy Chief Minister of Delhi, Manish Sisodia.

Mr. Sisodia was arrested by the ED on March 9 while he was in judicial custody at the Tihar Jail. The matter pertains to the now-scrapped Delhi excise policy.

Special Judge M.K. Nagpal ordered the ED to produce Mr. Sisodia in the court on March 22. His bail hearing of the CBI case in connection with alleged corruption in the formulation and implementation of the now-scrapped Delhi liquor excise policy for 2021-22 is scheduled for March 21. The CBI had arrested Mr. Sisodia on February 26.

During the hearing on Friday, Zoheb Hossain, advocate for the ED, told the court that the agency had been able to make some fresh findings against Mr. Sisodia.

He also repeated what was told previously in the court that the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leader had changed his mobile phone on various occasions in the past but the new finding was that he changed one of his phones on the very same day the Lieutenant-Governor forwarded the complaint against him to the CBI.

The counsel for the ED maintained that the ED was in the process of recovering mails that were in the damaged phone.

Senior Advocate Mohit Mathur, appearing for Mr. Sisodia, said the ED and the CBI were saying the same things in the court but there was evidence for the proceeds of the crime.

4,999 YouTube links blocked: IT Ministry

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

As many as 4,999 YouTube links have been blocked by the Union government so far, the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology said in the Rajya Sabha on Friday.

These include individual YouTube videos and entire channels. These orders were passed under the Information Technology (Procedure and Safeguards for Blocking for Access of Information for Public) Rules, 2009, and do not include channels and videos taken down in response to court orders.

Until March 10, 974 "social media URLs, accounts, channels, pages, apps, web pages, websites, etc." have been blocked in 2023 under Section 69A of the Information Technology Act, 2000. A review committee is required to meet at least once in two months to see if 69A blocking orders were necessary.

India to host African Chiefs Conclave, field training exercise

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Indian Army is set to host the second edition of the Africa-India field training exercise (AFINDEX-23) from March 21 to 30, and African Chiefs Conclave on March 28 in Pune.

"The objective is to build upon the initiatives taken to strengthen India-Africa relations, with a focus on enhancing peace and creating opportunities to exchange ideas," a Defence official said.

KERALA WATER AUTHORITY e-Tender Notice

Tender No : 124,125,Re-126/2022-23/SE/PHC/MVPA, **JJM** - Idukki district - Supply and Laying distribution lines Providing FHTCS to households in Vandiperiyar, Karunapuram and Santhanpara panchayath. **EMD :** Rs. 500000/ each, **Tender Fee :** Rs. 16540, **Last Date for submitting Tender :** 10-04-2023, 04:00 pm, **Phone :** 0485 2835637.
Website : **www.kwa.kerala.gov.in, www.etenders.kerala.gov.in**
Superintending Engineer
PH Circle, Muvattupuzha
KWA-JB-GL-6-1857-2022-23

Government of India / Bharat Sarkar
Directorate General of Health Services
बी. सी. जी. वैक्सीन प्रयोगशाला,
BCG Vaccine Laboratory,
गिण्डी, चैन्नई, 600032.
Guindy, Chennai-600032.
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Applications are invited to fill the following posts in BCGVL, Guindy, Chennai under the Directorate General of Health Services, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, on deputation (including Short Term Contract) basis.

S. No.	Post	No. of Posts	Classification	Level in the Pay matrix
1.	Assistant Director (Non Medical)	1	Group "A" Gazetted (Non-Medical)	Level - 11 (Rs.67,700 - 2,08,700/-)
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The details of eligibilities, educational qualifications, experience, age and terms & conditions, etc. along with Application Proforma may be accessed from website **www.dirbcglab.gov.in / www.mohfw.gov.in / www.dghs.gov.in**
Application duly filled may be sent directly to Deputy Director (EPI), Directorate General of Health Services, Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi - 110011 through proper channel.
Director, BCGVL, Guindy

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RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, BERHAMPUR
(E-Mail:- serwbpr2004@yahoo.com ; Tel / FAX:- 0680-2404287)
At:-Ambapua, Po:-Engineering School Near Income Tax Office, Berhampur-760011

No. e-tender //1356 // RWC// BAM// Dated 16.03.2023 E-Mail/E-despatch
1st Corrigendum to Bid Identification No. Online Tender /80-2022-23/BPR
1) The partial modification of Bridge works under BSY vide above identification has been made as follows.

1.	Date of Availability of tender	21.03.2023 to 04.04.2023 upto 3.00 PM instead of 10.03.2023 to 27.03.2023.
2.	Last Date & Time of seeking tender clarification	03.04.2023 at 2.00 PM instead of 24.03.2023 at 2.00 PM
3.	Date of opening of Technical Bid	05.04.2023 at 11.00 AM instead 0f 28.03.2023 at 11.00 AM
4.	Date of opening of Financial Bid	Will be intimated later on

2)

Sl. No.	Name of the work	Approx. Estimated Cost (Exclusive of GST) (in Rs) (As per Earlier)	EMD Required (In Rs.) to be submitted online (As per Earlier)	Approx. Estimated Cost (Exclusive of GST) (in Rs) (Now Replaced)	EMD Required (In Rs) to be submitted online (Now Replaced)
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Construction of H.L.Bridge over Bahuda at Ch-0.10 km on Tentiapada to Dabarasingi road in the District of Ganjam under BSY. (Span 5x30.64m)	Rs.7,91,47,000/-	Rs.7,91,500/-	Rs.8,32,00,000/-	Rs.8,32,000/-

All other contents will remain unchanged
O-1984 : **Chief Construction Engineer, R.W.Circle, Berhampur**
OIPR-25071/11/0128/2223

कैटल फीड प्लान्ट नदबई (भरतपुर) राजस्थान
(यूनिट ऑफ- राजस्थान को-ऑपरेटिव डेयरी फैडरेशन लि. जयपुर) Email: cfpndb-rcdf-rj@rajasthan.gov.in, cfpnadbai786@gmail.com
क्रमांक :- आरसीडीएफ/सीएफपी/नद./एफ( )/2023/5937-45 दिनांक :- 13/03/2023
निविदा सूचना
पशु आहार संयन्त्र नदबई पर पशु आहार परिवहन कार्य निविदा (अनुमानित लागत 2 करोड रू.) ई–टेण्डर के माध्यम से **www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in** पर आमंत्रित की जाती है। निविदा से सम्बन्धित समस्त बांछित सूचनायें **www.sarasmilkfed.rajasthan.gov.in** एवं **www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in** पर देखी जा सकती है।
UBN - CDF2223SLRC01617
राज.संवाद/सी/22/16192 प्रबंधक

Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike
Office of the Senior Assistant Director of Horticulture, BBMP, South Zone, 9th Cross, 9th Main, Jayanagar 2nd Block, Bengaluru-560 011.
No.SADH(S)TENDER/19/2022-23 Date: 17-03-2023
INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER
(IFT) (Two Cover System) (KW-3 to KW-4)
(Through GOK e-Procurement Portal Only)
The Senior Assistant Director of Horticulture (South Zone), invites tenders to Implement CM Nagarothana Works in accordance with KTPP rules 2000, from eligible and experienced Person/Agencies/Firms registered in Labour department.

Sl. No.	Name of the work	Esimated Cost	EMD Amount
1.	Beautification of Horticulture works at Town Hall Circles, Medians & Islands in Chickpet Constituency.	1,00,00,000/-	2,00,000/-
2.	Development & Beautification of Horticulture works at Sajjan Rao Circle, Madhavarao Circle Park, Islands & Medians in Chickpet Constituency.	1,00,00,000/-	2,00,000/-
3.	Beautification of Horticulture works at Sir M. Krishna Rao Park in Chickpet Constituency.	2,00,00,000/-	3,00,000/-

Calendar of Events: (1) Date of Notification : **17-03-2023. (2)** Tender can be downloaded from : **21-03-2023. (3)** Pre bid Meeting : **22-03-2023 at 11:00 a.m. (4)** Tender Closing Date : **28-03-2023 at 4:00 p.m. (5)** Technical bid opening date: **29-03-2023 at 4:30 p.m. (6)** Financially bid opening date : **After Approval of Technical bid. (7)** This tender notice can also be seen in the BBMP Website www.bbmp.gov.in. Further particulars can be obtained from the above office during working hours on working days or from **website: https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**
Sd/-, Senior Assistant Director of Horticulture, (South Zone), BBMP.

KERALA WATER AUTHORITY e-Tender Notice

Tender No : 59/2022-23/PHC/KNR, **Jal Jeevan Mission -** Kannur District - Mangattidam Panchayath - Construction of 11 LL OHSR, Laying Distribution system and Providing FHTCs. **EMD :** Rs. 500000, **Tender Fee :** Rs. 19518, **Last Date for Submitting Tender :** 10-04-2023, 02:00 pm, **Phone :** 0497 2705902.
Website : **www.kwa.kerala.gov.in, www.etenders.kerala.gov.in**
Superintending Engineer
PH Circle, Kannur
KWA-JB-GL-6-1864-2022-23

Government of Kerala
TENDER
FOREST & WILD LIFE DEPARTMENT
Window No:iprd 23/e 96 • Tender No. KFDDO/30499/2022/R• Divisional Forest Officer, Timber Sales Division, Kozhikode, vanasree, Mathottam, Arakinar P.O-673028, Phone-0495-2414702 • E-auction sales of timber on 11/04,20/04,29/04/2023 stacked at Chaliyam, Parappa, Kannoth Kuppady & Baveli dumping depots Kozhikode • PAC: 7 Crore.
Full details on Tender Advertisement apperaed above are exhibited before the Office from which the tender originates.For Details on all Tenders above please visit notice board.kerala.gov.in/tender.Please put in search the Window No for getting the advertisement of your choice. **R.O. No. 47/G4/2023/PRD.**

SMART CITY THIRUVANANTHAPURAM LIMITED
CIN U75302KL2017SGC05027
E-TENDER NOTICE
E-Tenders are invited for the following projects of Smart City Thiruvananthapuram Limited Project Area 1) Request for Proposal (RFP) for Selection of Agency for Supply, Installation, Commissioning and Operations for 5 years of Organic Waste Converter (OWC) at Palayam Market in Thiruvananthapuram City

Sl. No.	Name of Project	E-Tender ID	Bid Submission Last Date
Selection of Agency for Supply, Installation, Commissioning and Operations for 5 years of Organic waste converter (OWC) at Palayam Market in Thiruvananthapuram City.			
1	Supply, Installation, Commissioning and Operations of Organic Waste Converters	2023_SCTLT_567038_1	31/03/2023

Date and Time of Opening Price Bid: To Be Intimated Separately to Technically Qualified Bidders by e-mail. All the RFP documents and details are available on the e-Procurement Website. Bids are only accepted online on the Website **https://etenders.kerala.gov.in**
(sd/-) **CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**
SMART CITY THIRUVANANTHAPURAM Ltd.

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The Ladakh Skill Development Mission (LSDM) invites bid for the project: Project Management Unit on Skill Development In UT of Ladakh through GeM portal.
The complete RFP (Bid document along with corrigendum issued on 16.03.2023) containing the details of qualification criteria, submission requirement, brief objective & scope of work and evaluation criteria, terms and conditions etc., can be downloaded from the GEM Portal https://gem.gov.in/ with the details as under :-

S.No	Name of Project /BID	GEM BID NO & DATE	Last Date
1	Custom Bid for Services - Project Management Unit on Skill Development In UT of Ladakh	GEM/2023/B/3199771 Dated: 28-02-2023	03-04-2023

Further details, if any, may be obtained from the OSD with Comm./Secy. Technical Education and Skill Development Department, Civil Secretariat, Leh Ladakh – 194101 during working hours or through **email: secy.techeduc@gmail.com**. Bidders are advised to read the complete RFP document along with corrigendum(s) issued on the GeM portal.
Sd/-
(Padma Angmo) IIS
Mission Director
Ladakh Skill Development Mission.

INBRIEF

Farmers halt march after word from Maharashtra govt.

The long march of farmers and tribals has halted after an assurance from the Maharashtra government, but their representatives on Friday said they would continue to head to Mumbai if they saw no concrete steps from the government to address their issues. "We need to see concrete action from the government that our issues will be addressed or else we will head to Mumbai," Vinod Nikole, CPI(M) MLA said. His party colleague Java Gavit is spearheading the march of thousands of farmers from Nashik. Their demands range from ₹600 per quintal relief to onion farmers, a 12-hour uninterrupted power supply to farmers, and waiver of farm loans. PTI

ED files chargesheet in Chinese loan application case

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has filed a chargesheet against seven entities and five individuals in connection with the Chinese loan application case. A special court has taken cognisance of the chargesheet in which three financial technology companies, allegedly controlled by Chinese nationals, have been arraigned. The three firms are Mad Elephant Network Technology Private Limited, Baryonyx Technology Private Limited and Cloud Atlas Future Technology Private Limited. Among the other accused entities are three non-banking financial companies (NBFCs) registered with the RBI and one payment gateway, the agency said.

Kailasa cons 30 U.S. cities with 'sister-city' scam, says report

Self-proclaimed godman and fugitive Nithyananda's "United States of Kailasa" has signed a "cultural partnership" with over 30 American cities, a media report has said, days after the city of Newark in New Jersey said it rescinded a "sister-city" agreement with the fictional country. According to Kailasa's website, there are over 30 American cities that have signed a cultural partnership with ithe fake nation of Kailasa – cities from Richmond, Virginia to Dayton, Ohio, to Buena Park, Florida. A report in Fox News on Thursday said that "we are finding out the supreme fake pontiff" has a "long list of cities that he's duped. PTI

Godhra case: SC to hear pleas of State, convicts on March 24

The Supreme Court on Friday said it will hear on March 24 the appeal of the Gujarat government and the bail pleas of several accused who are serving life imprisonment in the 2002 Godhra train burning case. A Bench comprising Chief Justice D.Y. Chandrachud and Justices P.S. Narasimha and J.B. Pardiwala, meanwhile, directed the counsel for the Gujarat government and the convicts to provide a soft copy of the consolidated chart containing details such as actual sentences awarded to them and the period spent in jail till now. The Bench adjourned the hearing after it was apprised that Solicitor General Tushar Mehta was then unavailable. PTI

SC seeks govt. reply to minor's petition on saving Western Ghats

Court asks Environment Ministry to file counter-affidavit to the plea seeking reinstating of recommendations of the Gadgil report

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday directed the Environment Ministry to file its counter-affidavit to a petition filed by a minor, M. Kaviya, a resident of Nilgiris, seeking judicial intervention to protect the Western Ghats from destruction.

"Month by month, the Western Ghats is being chipped away... Please intervene," senior advocate Raj Panjwani and advocate Shibani Ghosh, for Ms. Kaviya, urged a Bench led by Chief Justice D.Y. Chandrachud. The court listed the case for July. It said the Centre and other authorities had to file their counter-affidavits in four weeks.

The petition has been in limbo for the past two years since the top court issued a notice in 2020. Several environmental activists and NGOs such as the Goa Foundation and Peaceful Society, Bandora, from across six Western Ghats States have joined hands with Ms. Kaviya to seek judicial intervention to reinstate the recommendations of the Dr. Madhav Gadgil-led Western Ghats Ecology Expert Panel's report.

Key link: The future of south India was intimately linked with the survival of the Western Ghats, the Goa Foundation said. FILE PHOTO

Ms. Kaviya and seven other children have sought "justice in terms of intergenerational equity", saying that unbridled "development" in the ancient mountain system would leave their generation without a future or a livelihood. They have sought an "effective, sustainable and credible conservation regime for the Western Ghats, its diverse ecosystems and ecologically sensitive zones".

Goa Foundation said the petition concerned a total land area of 1,29,037 sq.km. While 50 million people were directly dependent on the Western Ghats and its ecology, another 200 million were indirectly dependent. The future of entire southern India was intimately linked with the healthy survival of the Western Ghats, it said.

Mrs. Chatterjee vs Norway turns the spotlight on state of custody cases abroad

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Activists called for the Ministry of External Affairs to take a stronger interest in the case of child custody cases in the West, as the launch of the movie *Mrs. Chatterjee vs Norway*, which focussed on the diplomatic row between India and Norway in 2011, put the spotlight on other such current cases, including one involving an infant in Germany.

The film was released across the country on Friday, even as the Norwegian Embassy in Delhi called it a "work of fiction", and defended the Norwegian Child Welfare services.

The case involved the confiscation of two young children from an Indian couple in Norway by authorities over charges that the parents – Abhirup and Sagarika Chatterjee – were "unfit" to look after them. After India raised several diplomatic protests, the children were returned to India and placed with other family members in 2012.

"It can't be explained in words what I had to go through to get my children back. The film can show just 20% of the trauma which we had to endure," Sagarika, who has now reverted to her maiden name of Chakraborty, told *The Hindu* before the screening of the movie.

The film is based on the book *The Journey of a Mother*.

In a detailed statement, the Norwegian Embassy in Delhi refuted the charges, saying that the children were not removed from their parents' custody due to "cultural differences", and the government was bound by privacy laws from giving specific details of the case. "In Norway, we value and respect different family systems and cultural practices, also when these are different to what we are accustomed to – apart from corporal punishment in the upbringing. There is zero tolerance for violence in any shape or form," it added.

This has directed more queries to the government over the case of Baby Ariha Shah, the two-year-old daughter of a couple from Ahmedabad who was taken into childcare custody by German authorities in September 2021, alleging that she had been abused at home, a charge her parents, Bhavesh and Dhara Shah, deny. Despite the matter being raised by Minister S. Jaishankar with German Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock in December 2022, and officials discussing the issue during German Chancellor Olaf Scholz visit to Delhi last month, there has been no headway.

According to former Minister Mani Shankar Aiyar, there are many Indian families settled abroad who are victims of stringent child protection norms of European countries and the Indian government needs to have a comprehensive plan to help them.

In dry Bihar, drunk man gets ditched for missing his wedding

Amarnath Tewary
PATNA

Bride says she does not want to spend the rest of her life with 'a liar who doesn't understand his responsibilities'

The poor state of prohibition in dry Bihar surfaced yet again last week when a drunk bridegroom gave his wedding a miss and paid dearly for it.

By the time Santosh Kumar Mandal – of Atichak village in Bhagalpur – sobered up the next morning (March 14) and led the wedding procession to the bride's – Neha of Mirzapur village – house, she refused his hand, saying she could not "spend the rest of her life with a drunkard and a liar who doesn't understand his responsibilities". Her stand was appreciated by her relatives and the villagers.

The story did not end there. The bride's family then held the groom and his relatives hostage, demanding that they reimburse them for the money spent on wedding arrangements. The local police had to step in to bring the situation under control.

In a similar incident in July 2016, Preeti Lata, a schoolteacher in Bhagalpur, refused to marry the groom when she found that he was drunk as she was about to garland him.

Liquor smuggling from neighbouring States and even from Nepal, is known to be the most profitable trade in Bihar today. On Friday, the Congress – a key ally in the ruling coalition – demanded a review of the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act, 2016, in the the Assembly but the principal ruling alliance partner, the Rashtriya Janata Dal, said prohibition has been successful in the State.

Horseshoe crabs disappearing off Odisha's coast; scientists worried

Satyasundar Barik
BHUBANESWAR

Horseshoe crabs, one of the oldest living creatures on earth and medicinally priceless, appear to be disappearing from their familiar spawning grounds along Chandipur and Balaramgadi coast in Odisha's Balasore district.

Scientists have urged Odisha government to come up with a robust protection mechanism before the living fossil becomes extinct due to destructive fishing practices.

Professor B.C. Choudhury, member of Odisha State Wildlife Advisory Board, and Anil Chatterjee, retired scientist of National Institute of Oceanography (NIO), Goa, appealed to the Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change to place the horseshoe crabs on the list of marine species for which a Species Recovery Plan has to be developed.

Saving species: Researchers want the horseshoe crab's breeding grounds to be declared as a conservation area. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Dr. Chatterjee first discovered horseshoe crabs along Balasore coast and brought the species to the State's notice in 1987.

"When we used to come to Odisha in 1988-89, the population of horseshoe crab was very high. In 200 square metre area, we were getting 30 to 40 specimens. Last month, I had been to Balasore, I found there were hardly any of such animals," he said.

"Like olive ridley sea turtles, these crabs are basically deep-sea animals. They come to coasts of Balasore in Odisha and Digha and Sundarban in West Bengal for breeding purposes. They select a suitable site for laying their eggs. Unfortunately, those eggs are also damaged by local people," lamented the scientist.

Medicinal value

The blood of this crab is very important for the preparation of rapid diagnostic reagents. All injectable medicines are tested on them. Dr. Chatterjee said a molecule has been developed from a reagent of horseshoe crab to help treat pre-eclampsia.

The scientist said only a few countries in the world have horseshoe crab population and India is one among them. "This is the oldest living creature on earth. Palaeontological studies say the age of horseshoe crabs is 450 million years. The creature has lived on earth without undergoing any morphological change. Scientists are surprised to find strong immune system in animal that helped it survive millions of years. The animal is critical for human health. If we don't put any effort now, horseshoe crabs would not be found in India in next few years," he warned.

In a letter to Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (Wildlife), Dr. Choudhary suggested that the horseshoe crab's breeding grounds be declared as a conservation reserve to protect the species.

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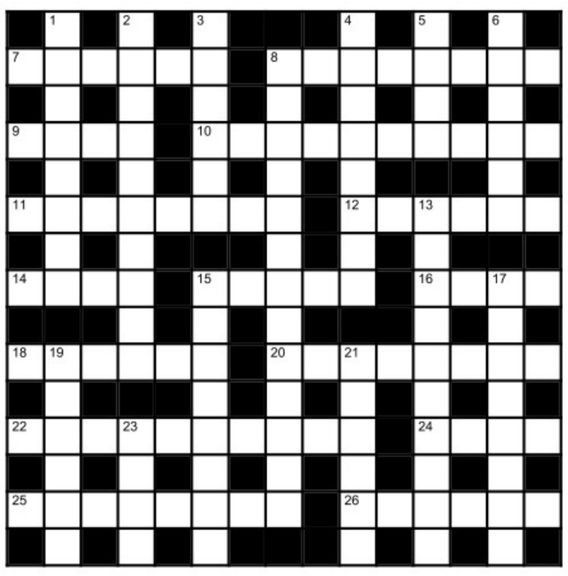

Across

7 Aware of tailing pair at once (6)
8 Uncovered huge ramps built outside old temple towers (8)
9 Crack shot (4)
10 Absent-mindedness of boss taken in pronounced good spirit (5,5)
11 Wine and song clearing international deal abroad (8)
12 Plenty of heads undergoing decapitation (6)
14 Forgetting about Britain once in French town (4)
15 Predatory bird runs on purpose (5)
16 Award resembling a jewel without a hint of gold (4)
18 Articulations happening to break notes (6)
20 Rent utes and haul giving normal fare (3,5)
22 Case of poop in water causing lump in the throat (5,5)
24 Characters in Ahvaz answering call to prayer (4)
25 Wonderful cast just missing an Oscar (8)
26 Parrots straining without crests (6)

Down

1 Still in shadow around quarter past noon (8)
2 Check parking charges in zone (10)
3 Bar, short piece in cross (6)
4 Drop one slip following over where restrictions are removed (4-4)
5 Incompetent sailor back from ship retires (4)
6 Dirty spades with soil on sides of garage (6)
8 Oily pork stew boiled with bit of garlic and mushroom (4,4,5)
13 Old-fashioned fencing épées cast firmly held (4-6)
15 Bears in America caught in spots (8)
17 Devices to butcher tame revolutionary alliances (4-4)
19 Classic numbers, look back on those making impressions (6)
21 Grate behind threshold for bird (6)
23 Action film, one being screened (4)

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Solution to previous puzzle

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Reason-oriented actions

Lord Rama assigned some reason or the other for each and every action that He had undertaken.

When Rama was in Panchavati with His wife Sita and brother Lakshmana, the demoness Surpanaka asked Rama to take her for His wife. Rama replied that He was already married and told wittingly that His brother was as handsome as He was. Lakshmana told Surpanaka that he was the servant of Rama and that she would also be a servant if she married him. She came back to Rama and pestered him to marry him.

Angered by this, Lakshmana cut off the nose and ears of the demoness, who approached her cousins Kara and Dhushana to fight Rama.

Kara sent 14,000 soldiers. Rama asked Lakshmana to take care of the sages and Sita and fought with and slayed the soldiers. Kara was uprooted like a tree by a cyclone. Like a ferocious wave that is put down after it touches the shore, Dhushana was calmed down by the arrows of Rama.

Three reasons are cited for Rama's act of killing the Rakshasas, said Smt. Prabha Senesh in a discourse.

1. It is an opportunity for Rama to protect the sages.

2. The 14,000 soldiers were actually sages in their previous birth and were reborn as Rakshasas because of a curse. Rama slayed and redeemed them.

3. When Rama refused to take Sita to the forest, she told Rama that her father would think of Him as 'a woman in the garb of a man' – *'Striyam purusha vigraham'*. To demonstrate His valour, He fought single-handedly without any assistance.

SAN FRANCISCO

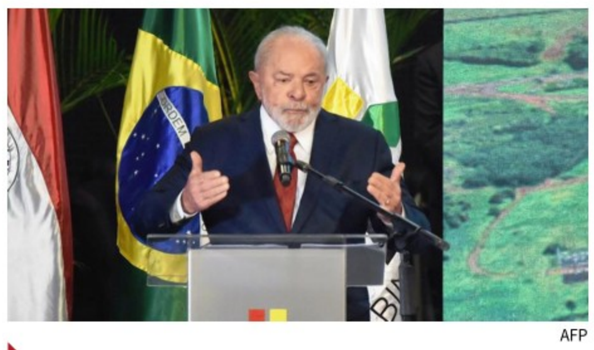
U.S. tells ByteDance to sell shares in TikTok or be banned, says report

AFP

The U.S. has told China-based ByteDance to sell its shares in the TikTok app or face a national ban, the *Wall Street Journal* reported on Wednesday. Western powers, including the EU and the U.S., have been taking an increasingly tough approach to the app, citing fears user data could be used or abused by Chinese officials. AFP

BEIJING

Brazil President Lula to pay state visit to China in late March: Beijing



AFP

Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva will visit China at the end of the month, Beijing's Foreign Ministry said on Friday. "At the invitation of Chinese President Xi Jinping, President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva of the Federative Republic of Brazil will pay a state visit to China from March 26 to 31," spokesperson Hua Chunying said. AFP

KATHMANDU

Ramsahay Prasad Yadav elected as third Vice-President of Nepal

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Ramsahay Prasad Yadav was elected as Nepal's Vice-President on Friday, in a further boost to the coalition government headed by PM Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda'. Mr. Yadav comfortably defeated Ashta Laxmi Shakya of CPN-UML to become Nepal's third Vice-President and the first from the Madhes region. PTI

ANKARA

Erdogan asks Parliament to vote on Finland's bid to join NATO

AP

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan ended months of delays on Friday and asked Parliament to vote on Finland's bid to join the NATO defence bloc. Mr. Erdogan's announcement following talks with Finnish President raises the chances that the Nordic nation will join the U.S.-led defence alliance without its neighbour Sweden. AFP

Xi Jinping to push Ukraine peace plan on Russia visit

President will visit Russia from March 20 to 22; Foreign Ministry says China 'always believes political dialogue is the only way to resolve conflicts'; Beijing had earlier called for a ceasefire

Ananth Krishnan
BEIJING

Chinese President Xi Jinping will start his third term with a symbolic visit to Russia starting March 20, Beijing announced on Friday, coming amid stepped up Chinese diplomacy on the Ukraine crisis. Mr. Xi "will pay a state visit to Russia from March 20 to 22 at the invitation of Russian President Vladimir Putin," the Chinese Foreign Ministry said. Asked if the visit will see China push its Ukraine peace plan, spokesperson Foreign Ministry spokesperson Wang Wenbin said China "always believes political dialogue is the only way to resolve conflicts and disputes".

Beijing, on February 24, the one-year anniversary of Russia's invasion, released a position paper that called on both sides to reach "a comprehensive ceasefire". The paper reflected Beijing's approach of, on the one hand, saying it supported the "sovereignty" of all countries, while on the other, criticising the West, which has questioned Beijing's credentials as a mediator, citing its close "no limits" relationship with Russia.

Mr. Wang on Friday once again rejected Western criticism of both China-Russia ties and its position on Ukraine, saying "fanning flames during the fight and imposing unilateral sanctions will make matters worse". He rejected Western accusations of China supplying arms to Russia during the war, saying, "China-Russia cooperation is completely above board" and "shall be free from disruption or coercion from any third party." "China always handles export of military items in a prudent manner and dual-use articles in accordance with relevant laws and regulations," he said, adding that Beijing was "opposed to long-arm jurisdiction or sanctions that are not in accordance with UN laws."

Deal maker: Russian President Vladimir Putin with his Chinese counterpart Xi Jinping in Beijing on February 4. REUTERS

Beijing's recent hosting of landmark talks between Saudi Arabia and Iran has turned the spotlight on its aspirations to emerge as a key player in the Ukraine crisis. Over the past year, China hasn't condemned Russia for its invasion. It has called for peace, but at the same time justified Russian security concerns with regard to the West and NATO. Mr. Xi's visit next week will see both leaders "charting the course and providing guidance for the sustained and steady development of the China-Russia comprehensive strategic partnership of coordination for a new era", Mr. Wang said, adding that Mr. Xi "will have in-depth exchanges with President Putin on bilateral relations and major international and regional issues of mutual interest" as well as jointly develop "a blueprint" for relations.

Strategic cooperation

The visit would "boost strategic cooperation and inject a new impetus" in bilateral ties," he said. "The changes unseen in a century are moving at a fast pace and the world has entered a period of instability and turbulence. China and Russia are permanent members of the UN Security Council and major countries. The significance and influence of the relationship goes far beyond the bilateral scope."

"This will be a trip for friendship," he added. "It will boost bilateral cooperation across the board".

Mr. Wang did not comment on reports suggesting Mr. Xi will, in the coming days, also reach out to Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskyy. Chinese Foreign Minister Qin Gang on Thursday held a rare phone conversation with Ukrainian Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba.

Mr. Wang neither confirmed nor denied whether the two officials had discussed a possible phone call between Mr. Xi and Mr. Zelensky. "China will uphold an objective and fair position on the Ukraine crisis and play a role in promoting talks for peace," he said. "We maintain communication with all parties."

In Thursday's phone call, Mr. Qin said China was "concerned that the crisis has dragged on and escalated and may even spiral out of control" and hoped both sides "will keep alive the hope of dialogue and negotiation, and will not close the door to a political settlement. "China will continue to play a constructive role in bringing an end to the conflict, mitigating the crisis and restoring peace," he said according to a readout, which quoted Mr. Kuleba as saying "China is not only an important cooperation partner of Ukraine but also a key and indispensable major country in international affairs." He also "noted that China's position paper on the political settlement of the Ukraine crisis shows its sincerity in promoting a ceasefire and an end to the conflict" and "expressed the hope to maintain communication with China", it said.

Pakistan court suspends warrant for ex-PM Khan

Associated Press
ISLAMABAD

A top Pakistani court on Friday suspended an arrest warrant for former Prime Minister Imran Khan, giving him a reprieve to travel to Islamabad and face charges in a graft case without being detained.

Mr. Khan has been holed up at his home in the eastern city of Lahore since Tuesday, after failing to appear at an earlier hearing in the case. His supporters hurled stones and clashed with baton-wielding police for two days. He was ousted in a no-confidence vote in Parliament in last April. He is accused of selling state gifts while in office and concealing assets. It's one of a string of cases that the politician is facing since his ouster.

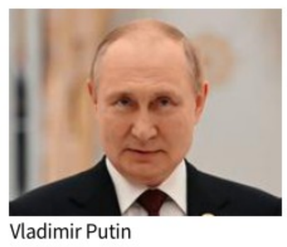
International Criminal Court issues arrest warrant against Putin over Ukraine

Agence France-Presse
THE HAGUE

The International Criminal Court (ICC) on Friday announced it had issued an arrest warrant against Russian President Vladimir Putin for the "unlawful deportation" of Ukrainian children. The Hague-based ICC said it had also issued a warrant against Maria Lvova-Belova, Russia's presidential commissioner for children's rights.

Russia is not a member of the ICC. It was unclear how the ICC planned to enforce the warrant.

"Today, pre-Trial Chamber II of the International Criminal Court issued warrants of arrest for two individuals in the context of the situation in Ukraine: Mr. Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin and Ms. Maria Alekseyevna Lvova-Belova," the ICC said in a statement.



Vladimir Putin

Mr. Putin "is allegedly responsible for the war crime of unlawful deportation of population (children) and that of unlawful transfer of population (children) from occupied areas of Ukraine to the Russian Federation."

The ICC said the crimes dated from February 24, 2022, when Russia invaded Ukraine. "There are reasonable grounds to believe that Mr. Putin bears individual criminal responsibility for the aforementioned crimes," it said.

Mr. Putin was allegedly responsible both directly by committing the acts and for "failure to exercise control properly over civilian and military subordinates who committed the acts, or allowed for their commission".

ICC prosecutor Karim Khan launched an investigation into alleged war crimes and crimes against humanity in Ukraine. Mr. Khan said after a visit to Ukraine that the alleged abductions of children "are being investigated by my office as a priority".

The Kremlin said that the ICC's decision to issue an arrest warrant for President Vladimir Putin was legally "void" since Moscow does not recognise the court's jurisdiction.

Iran executes 'political prisoner' from Kurdish area

Agence France-Presse
PARIS

Iran on Friday executed a Kurdish man viewed as a political prisoner by activists for membership of an outlawed group, rights groups said. Mohayyedin Ebrahimi was hanged at dawn at Urmia prison in northwestern Iran, the Norway-based Iran Human Rights (IHR) and Hengaw rights groups said in separate statements.

Five other men were also executed on drug-related charges at Urmia on Friday morning, the groups added. Ebrahimi, arrested in 2017 and sentenced to death in 2018, was accused of involvement in the Kurdish Democratic Party, a banned group which has waged an armed struggle for self-determination of Kurdish populated region.

Macron faces stir over pension law

Agence France-Presse
PARIS

French President Emmanuel Macron on Friday faced intensified protests and a no confidence motion in Parliament after pushing through a contentious pension reform without a vote.

Despite two months of strikes and some of the biggest protests in decades, Mr. Macron's government on Thursday imposed the Bill to hike the retirement age from 62 to 64. The move sparked angry demonstrations in the evening, with more than 300 people arrested nationwide, according to the Interior Minister.

Prime Minister Elisabeth Borne on Thursday invoking article 49.3 of the Constitution to impose the pension overhaul by decree also provoked tumult in parliament and moves to file a motion of no confidence in the government.

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INBRIEF

HDFC Ltd. mulls raising ₹57,000 cr. debt via NCDs

Housing Development Finance Corporation Ltd. said it is considering to raise ₹57,000 crore debt. "The Board of Directors will be meeting on March 27 to consider issuance of unsecured redeemable non-convertible debentures, under a Shelf Placement Memorandum, aggregating ₹57,000 crore on a private placement basis," HDFC said in a filing with the stock exchanges.

Centre okays proposal to list IREDA on bourses via IPO

The Centre on Friday approved a proposal for listing of Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA) on stock exchanges via initial public offer by part sale of government stake and fresh issue of equity shares to raise funds. The Department of Investment and Public Asset Management will drive the listing. The decision has been necessitated due to a change in capital structure following infusion of capital to the tune of ₹1,500 crore by the government in March 2022, according to an official statement. PTI

Wabag bags ₹800-cr. sewage treatment order from Dhaka

Chennai-based water technology firm Va Tech Wabag Ltd. (Wabag) has secured a ₹800-crore order from Dhaka Water Supply & Sewerage Authority (Dhaka WASA). The scope of the project includes design, build and operate for reconstruction of Pagla Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) with a capacity of 200 million litres per day at Pagla in Dhaka city. Operation and maintenance are for a period of 60 months. The project can be expanded to 600 MLD in the future depending upon need, the company said.

'U.S. bank issues highlight need for prudent asset liability management'

RBI Governor says Indian banking system remains stable, resilient; emphasises that the recent developments underline the criticality of banking sector regulation and supervision; Das also points to dangers cryptocurrencies could pose to banks

The Hindu Bureau
KOCHI

Reserve Bank of India Governor Shaktikanta Das said on Friday developments in the U.S. banking sector highlight the importance of ensuring prudent asset liability management and robust risk management in the sector in order to preserve financial stability in the economy.

"The recent developments in the United States' banking system have brought to the fore the criticality of banking sector regulation and supervision. These are areas which have significant impact on preserving financial stability of every country," Mr. Das said, delivering the K.P Hormis commemorative lecture organised by the Federal Bank. "More specifically, these developments in the U.S.... drive home the importance of ensuring prudent asset liability management, robust risk management and sustainable growth in liability and assets, undertaking periodic stress tests and building up critical buffers for any unanticipated future stress," he observed.

Mr. Das added that the developments also flagged the real danger that cryptocurrencies or similar assets could pose to banks. "We have been engaging with our banks over the last several years. Indian banking system continues to be resilient and stable," he stressed.

"Naturally, when inflation goes up, there will be rate hike by the central bank. So therefore, the interest rate risks and likely stress arising out of the interest risks need to be properly assessed and appropriate stress tests need to be done. RBI has been driving home this point to all banks," he emphasised.

Ring-fencing banks

RBI's Shaktikanta Das highlights the importance of ensuring robust risk management in order to safeguard financial stability in the economy

- Developments in the U.S. drive home importance of ensuring prudent asset liability management, sustainable growth in liability and assets
- Banks must undertake periodic stress tests, build up critical buffers for any unanticipated future stress
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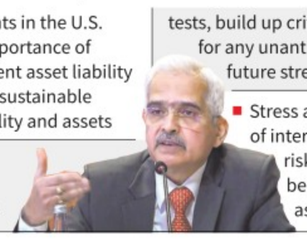

Global stocks fall, gold rallies as banking worries linger

Reuters
NEW YORK/LONDON

Investor sentiment remained fragile on Friday, leaving major Wall Street and European stock indexes weaker and gold prices at their highest since April and on track for bullion's largest one-week rally in four months.

In a crisis that began with the collapse of U.S.-based Silicon Valley Bank last Friday, investors lost confidence in U.S. regional banks and Credit Suisse in Europe.

Risk appetite waned on Friday after showing signs of recovery on Thursday.

Credit Suisse's CEO said on Friday the bank was working hard to stem customer outflows, although this could take time. Credit Suisse shares resumed their decline.

Analysts say the worry about a possible banking crisis is far from over despite a group of major banks injecting $30 billion in deposits into First Republic Bank, a mid-sized U.S. lender, on Thursday.

The MSCI world equity index, which tracks shares in 47 countries, reversed earlier gains and was down 0.65% by 1452 GMT.

European Central Bank supervisors do not see contagion for euro zone banks from the market turmoil, a source familiar with the content of an ad hoc supervisory board meeting earlier this week told Reuters.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average fell 1.24% to 31,848.12 points, while the STOXX 600 index declined 2.21% in Europe.

India's start-ups hold about $1 billion in SVB: Chandrasekhar

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

About $1 billion in funds of Indian start-ups have been impacted by the collapse of California-based Silicon Valley Bank (SVB), Minister of State for Electronics and Information Technology Rajeev Chandrasekhar said on Thursday night.

The minister said that of this about $200 million had been moved to bank accounts in GIFT City.

"The issue is, how do we make start-ups transition to the Indian banking system, rather than depend on the complex cross-border U.S. banking system with all of its uncertainties in the coming month," Mr. Chandrasekhar said during a Twitter Spaces discussion. The U.S. Treasury Department, Federal Reserve and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation have assured depositors that they will all be made whole. The SVB collapse followed mass withdrawals, spurred by concerns on the bank's leverage and fundamentals that went viral on social media.

(With inputs from Reuters and PTI)

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	FRIDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	57,990	0.62
US Dollar	82.59	0.19
Gold	58,040	1.02
Brent oil	73.08	-0.93

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	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	1876.55	32.75
Adani Ports	680.35	0.75
Apollo Hosp	4346.50	27.45
Asian Paints	2862.65	-30.60
Axis Bank	837.40	6.85
Bajaj Auto	3814.40	14.20
Bajaj Finserv	1301.75	8.15
Bajaj Finance	5732.35	17.25
Bharti Airtel	757.25	11.30
BPCL	351.40	0.50
Britannia Ind	4362.55	51.35
Cipla	874.05	-9.40
Coal India	221.65	0.80
Divis Lab	2791.50	-10.10
Dr Reddys Lab	4436.15	52.40
Eicher Motors	2974.60	-60.85
Grasim Ind	1585.25	24.80
HCL Tech	1108.45	36.05
HDFC	2564.15	32.55
HDFC Bank	1572.65	20.75
HDFC Life	471.25	9.85
Hero MotoCorp	2355.15	-15.80
Hindalco	396.70	11.75
Hind Unilever	2447.40	-11.95
ICICI Bank	836.25	12.35
IndusInd Bank	1020.50	2.70
Infosys	1420.70	16.60
ITC	375.55	-5.90
JSW Steel	676.40	14.00
Kotak Bank	1693.10	29.55
L&T	2195.75	22.15
M&M	1171.50	4.45
Maruti Suzuki	8316.85	-120.60
NestleIndia	18858.15	407.50
NTPC	176.95	-2.65
ONGC	153.15	0.95
PowerGrid Corp	229.70	-2.45
Reliance Ind	2223.10	-2.80
SBI Life	1071.60	8.95
State Bank	529.80	5.30
Sun Pharma	957.70	-9.70
TataConsumerProduct	706.20	12.20
Tata Motors	419.00	3.30
Tata Steel	107.00	1.95
TCS	3179.30	-5.70
Tech Mahindra	1127.15	9.40
Titan	2455.65	5.30
UltraTech Cement	7289.95	185.35
UPL	715.65	19.25
Wipro	376.50	3.65

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on March 17

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	82.35	82.67
Euro	87.43	87.80
British Pound	99.81	100.24
Japanese Yen (100)	62.10	62.35
Chinese Yuan	11.95	12.00
Swiss Franc	88.81	89.17
Singapore Dollar	61.31	61.56
Canadian Dollar	60.01	60.24
Malaysian Ringitt	18.35	18.43
Australian Dollar	55.09	55.36

Source:Indian Bank

TCS to retain strategy despite change of guard

Lalatendu Mishra
MUMBAI

The business strategy at Tata Consultancy Services Ltd. (TCS) will continue unchanged despite the leadership change at India's biggest technology company, CEO designate K. Krithivasan assured on Friday.

"The strategy will continue," he told a press conference. "We have a certain core set of values and we will rework on what we have to do in the next six months," he added.

On Thursday evening, TCS announced that its MD and CEO for six years Rajesh Gopinathan had resigned and company veteran of more than three decades and BFSI head Mr. Krithivasan would replace Mr. Gopinathan in September 2023.

K. Krithivasan

Mr. Gopinathan said his priority now would be to "make sure that the transition happens smoothly".

MPs seek FM's intervention against ADD on viscose

M. Soundariya Preetha
COIMBATORE

A delegation of MPs has appealed to Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman to act against the recent Directorate General of Trade Remedies' recommendation of imposing anti-dumping duty (ADD) on viscose staple fibre (VSF).

Re-imposition of ADD on VSF would push the cost of the imported fibre up by 28%, hitting weavers, the delegation, along with former MP Ananda Bhaskar Rapolu, said.

Dabur India used bio resources commercially without approval: NBA

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Dabur India had been accessing biological resources for commercial purposes without obtaining required approvals, the National Biodiversity Authority (NBA) told the National Green Tribunal (NGT) on March 13.

Under the Biological Diversity Act, an Indian entity has to give intimation to the State Biodiversity Board while obtaining any bio-resources for commercial utilisation. "The Appellant [Dabur India] has been accessing the biological resources (125 species of herbs) and applied for approval only in the year 2020," the NBA said.

The board's response came after Dabur India had filed an appeal before the tribunal saying the NBA had unilaterally imposed 0.5% of annual gross ex-factory sale price of the product as a benefit sharing component under Access and Benefit Sharing (ABS) of the Biological Diversity Act. Dabur had requested NBA to reconsider the amount based on the purchase price.

Centre sets accounting norm for adjustments to past errors

Vikas Dhoot
NEW DELHI

Defaults of loans and grants-in-aid shall not be included in its ambit, the Finance Ministry said

To check wrong accounting methods followed by most States to record adjustments for errors made in past years' accounts, the government has notified a new accounting standard for States, Union territories and the Union government on how to account for such prior period adjustments.

The standard, prescribed on the advice of the Comptroller Auditor General (CAG) of India, however, does not cover transactions such as payment of arrears arising due to increase in salaries or revision of pension or increase in dearness allowance as they cannot be attributed to errors or adjustments in government policies.

Under the cash system of accounting followed for government accounts, there are no rules for States for dealing with prior period adjustments to rectify errors and adjust financial statements for earlier years whose accounts have been closed.

The new standard "not only aims to disclose such information which pertains to prior period errors but also covers entries requiring prior period adjustments arising out of changes in government decisions which may impact current balances and progressive amounts during the earlier years for which accounts have been closed," the Finance Ministry said.

The Ministry, which notified the new norm – Indian Government Accounting Standards-4 – stressed that defaults of loans and grants-in-aid shall not be included in its ambit.

Sport

Sporting dashes Arsenal's hopes

Ecstatic lot: Sporting Lisbon players celebrate. AFP

Associated Press
PARIS

Arsenal was eliminated from the Europa League by Sporting Lisbon on Thursday in a penalty shootout.

Important results

(pre-quarters): Fenerbahce 1 (Valencia 41-pen) bt Sevilla 0 (*Sevilla wins 2-1 on aggregate*); Freiburg 0 lost to Juventus 2 (Vlahovic 45-pen, Chiesa 90+5) (*Juventus wins 3-0 on aggregate*); Real Betis 0 lost to Manchester United 1 (Rashford 56) (*United wins 5-1 on aggregate*); Ferencvaros 0 lost to Bayer Leverkusen 2 (Diaby 3, Adli 81) (*Leverkusen wins 4-0 on aggregate*); Real Sociedad 0 drew with Roma 0 (*Roma wins 2-0 on aggregate*); Arsenal 1 (Xhaka 19) drew with Sporting Lisbon 1 (Pedro Goncalves 62) (*3-3 on aggregate. Sporting wins 5-3 on penalties*).

Galaticus obliges in the Hoysala Trophy

RACING

BENGALURU: Rajesh Narredu-trained Galaticus (Trevor up) won the Hoysala Trophy, the main event of the races held here on Friday (March 17).

The winner is owned by Villoo Poonawalla Racing & Breeding Pvt Ltd rep. by Dr. Cyrus S. Poonawalla & Mr. Adar C. Poonawalla. Trevor won three races on the day.

1. KAVERI PLATE: MR HUMBLE (Trevor) 1, Lucky Again (Indrajeet S) 2, Perfect Halo (Kiran Rai) 3 and Country's Jewel (Darshan) 4. Lnk, 4-1/4 and 2-1/4. 1m, 15.98s. ₹18 (w), 10, 15 and 27 (p), SHP: 49, THP: 70, FP: 78, Q: 60, Trinella: 980, Exacta: 1,772. Favourite: Mr Humble.

Owners: Mr. N. Krishnamurthy & Mrs. Shruthi Krishnamurthy. Trainer: B. Prithviraj.

2. HALF A CROWN PLATE (DIV. II): THUNDERSTRUCK (Srinath) 1, Able One (Jagadeesh) 2, Sacred Creator (Kiran Rai) 3 and Princess Jasmine (Akshay K) 4. 1/2, 5-1/4 and 3/4. 1m, 28.78s. ₹17 (w), 10, 19 and 20 (p), SHP: 46, THP: 40, FP: 53, Q: 65, Trinella: 688, Exacta: 732. Favourite: Thunderstruck.

Owner: Mr. Nanda Kumar V. Trainer: Sharat Kumar.

3. VEDAVATI PLATE (DIV. II): THE INHERITOR (Srinath) 1, Lauterbrunnen (Kiran Rai) 2, Mystic Eye (Akshay K) 3 and Tiger Returns (Likith Appu) 4. 1/2, 3/4 and Nk. 1m, 14.31s. ₹20 (w), 12, 18 and 17 (p), SHP: 62, THP: 45, FP: 137, Q: 72, Trinella: 364, Exacta: 1,431. Favourite: The Inheritor.

Owner: Mr. Dinesh Kumar K. Trainer: Sharat Kumar.

4. SHIVANASAMUDRA FALLS TROPHY: MY VISION (Rayan) 1, Twilight Tornado (S. John) 2, Eco Friendly (Hasib Alam) 3 and King Pompous (M. Prabhakaran) 4. 2-3/4, 1/2 and 1. 1m, 40.64s. ₹36 (w), 13, 16 and 17 (p), SHP: 36, THP: 41, FP: 258, Q: 148, Trinella: 1,072, Exacta: 13,847. Favourite: Aquamatic.

Owners: Mr. Ramesh R. Trainer: S. Inayathulla.

5. HOYSALA TROPHY: GALATICUS (Trevor) 1, Super Sapphire (Vinod Shinde) 2, Serai (L.A. Rozario) 3 and Treasure Chest (Srinath) 4. 2, 1-1/2 and 3-1/2. 1m, 15.05s. ₹17 (w), 13 and 55 (p), SHP: 92, THP: 54, FP: 255, Q: 174, Trinella: 1,453, Exacta: 9,068. Favourite: Galaticus.

Owners: Villoo Poonawalla Racing & Breeding Pvt Ltd rep. by Dr. Cyrus S. Poonawalla & Mr. Adar C. Poonawalla. Trainer: Rajesh Narredu.

6. VEDAVATI PLATE (DIV. I): GALACTICAL (Trevor) 1, Starry Wind (Rayan) 2, Extraordinary (Sai Kiran) 3 and Anakin (B. Dharshan) 4. 2-1/4, 3-1/4 and 1/2. 1m, 13.50s. ₹56 (w), 19, 16 and 20 (p), SHP: 38, THP: 50, FP: 294, Q: 222, Trinella: 2,171, Exacta: 19,672. Favourite: Golden Vision.

Owners: Mr. Rajan Aggarwal, Mr. Gautam Aggarwal & Mr. Sultan Singh. Trainer: Pradeep Annaiah.

7. HALF A CROWN PLATE (DIV. I): WIN MY LUV (Likith Appu) 1, Aherne (Darshan) 2, Aircraft (Srinath) 3 and Millbrook (S. John) 4. 7-1/4, 1-3/4 and 1/2. 1m, 27.33s. ₹47 (w), 15, 20 and 19 (p), SHP: 52, THP: 56, FP: 197, Q: 110, Trinella: 1,209, Exacta: 7,508. Favourite: Almanach.

Owner: Dr. Suresh Chintamaneni. Trainer: Neil Devaney.

Jackpot: ₹5,078 (14 tkts.); Runner-up: 272 (112 tkts.); Treble (i): 212 (38 tkts.); (ii): 481 (26 tkts.).

Seeking The Stars prepped to deliver in the Sea Biscuit Salver

BENGALURU: Seeking The Stars, who has been well prepared is expected to score in the Sea Biscuit Salver (1,100m), the feature event of the races to be held here on Saturday (March 18). False rails (width about 8m from 1,600m to the winning post) will be in position.

1 DUDHSAGAR FALLS PLATE (DIV. II), (1,200m), rated 20 to 45, 2-30 p.m.: 1. Arrowette (1) Darshan 60, 2. Belvedere (5) Akshay K 60, 3. Aldgate (6) S. John 59.5, 4. Opus One (7) Trevor 57, 5. Scarlet Ibis (2) Vinod Shinde 57, 6. Golden Starlet (3) Kiran Rai 56.5, 7. The Strikingly (–) (–) 56.5 and 8. Express Bella (4) L.A. Rozario 55.5.

1. OPUS ONE, 2. ALDGATE, 3. ARROWETTE

2 CHITRAKOTE FALLS PLATE (DIV. II), (1,200m), rated 20 to 45, 6-y-o & over, 3-00: 1. Ultimate Striker (5) Trevor 60, 2. Pastiche (2) Darshan 59, 3. Baltimore (7) S. John 58.5, 4. Flamingo Road (8) Rayan 57, 5. Debonair (4) B. Nayak 54.5, 6. Jersey Legend (6) Nazerul 53.5, 7. Altair (3) Hasib Alam 52.5 and 8. Anne Boleyn (1) Akshay K 52.5.

1. FLAMINGO ROAD, 2. ANNE BOLEYN, 3. ULTMATE STRIKER

3 KADAMBI FALLS PLATE (1,600m), rated 40 to 65, 5-y-o & over, 3-30: 1. Ruling Goddess (7) Srinath 60, 2. See My Heels (8) Trevor 59.5, 3. Lycurgus (2) Zervan 59, 4. Peluche (6) Darshan 57.5, 5. Southern Power (5) Akshay K 55, 6. Successful (3) M. Prabhakaran 55, 7. Golden Time (4) L.A. Rozario 54.5 and 8. Southern Dynasty (1) Jagadeesh 53.

1. RULING GODDESS, 2. SEE MY HEELS, 3. LYCURGUS

4 SEA BISCUIT SALVER (1,100m), maiden 3-y-o only, (Terms), 4-00: 1. Divo (4) Zervan 56, 2. The Gallery Time (5) Sai Kiran 56, 3. Desertdragon (2) Tousif 54.5, 4. Diamond Hooves (3) Vinod Shinde 54.5, 5. Fifth Element (6) Kiran Naidu 54.5, 6. Rochelle (7) Akshay K 54.5 and 7. Seeking The Stars (1) Srinath 54.5.

1. SEEKING THE STARS, 2. ROCHELLE, 3. DIVO

5 P.V. SHETTY MEMORIAL TROPHY (1,400m), rated 40 to 65, 4-30: 1. Inyouwebelieve (7) Trevor 60, 2. Memoriter (5) R. Ravi 60, 3. Disruptor (2) Srinath 59.5, 4. Beldona (8) P. Siddaraju 57.5, 5. Nikolina (3) Nazerul 56.5, 6. Wild Emperor (4) Akshay K 56.5, 7. Kulsum (1) L.A. Rozario 56 and 8. The Republic Power (6) Zervan 56.

1. INYOUWEBELIEVE, 2. DISRUPTOR, 3. WILD EMPEROR

6 DUDHSAGAR FALLS PLATE (DIV. I), (1,200m), rated 20 to 45, 5-00: 1. Good Time Indeed (4) A. Imran 60.5, 2. Sociable (2) L.A. Rozario 60.5, 3. Sheer Bliss (8) Vinod Shinde 58, 4. Slice Of Heaven (1) B. Nayak 58, 5. Southern Force (3) S. John 58, 6. Remontoir (5) R. Girish 57, 7. Ice Storm (9) Kiran Rai 55, 8. The Golden Dream (7) P. Siddaraju 55 and 9. Contador (6) Likith Appu 54.

1. SOCIABLE, 2. THE GOLDEN DREAM, 3. SHEER BLISS

7 CHITRAKOTE FALLS PLATE (DIV. I), (1,200m), rated 20 to 45, 6-y-o & over, 5-30: Super Gladiator (4) R. Ravi 62, 2. Lagopus (1) A. Imran 60, 3. Rightly Noble (2) Trevor 60, 4. Aceros (3) B. Dharshan 59, 5. Baroness (5) P. Siddaraju 58.5, 6. Musterion (7) S. John 58, 7. Chain Of Thoughts (6) L.A. Rozario 57.5 and 8. Smile Around (8) Koshi K 56.5.

1. RIGHTLY NOBLE, 2. LAGOPUS, 3. SMILE AROUND

Day's best: **RULING GODDESS**

Double: **INYOUWEBELIEVE – RIGHTLY NOBLE**

Jkt: 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7; Tr (i): 2, 3 and 4; (ii): 5, 6 and 7.

STRONG START

Conway hits half-century as Kiwis dig in after rain delay

Devon Conway's blistering 78 helped hosts New Zealand race to 155 for two against Sri Lanka at the end of a rain-delayed opening day of the second Test in Wellington on Friday.
The scores: New Zealand 155/2 in 48 overs (Devon Conway 78) vs Sri Lanka. **Toss:** Sri Lanka.

BREAKTHROUGH

Alcaraz solves the Auger-Aliassime puzzle, cruises into the semifinals

Top seed Carlos Alcaraz beat Felix Auger-Aliassime 6-4, 6-4 — his first win against the Canadian — at Indian Wells on Thursday.
Other results (quarterfinals):
Men: Sinner bt Fritz 6-4, 4-6, 6-4. **Women:** Swiatek bt Cirstea 6-2, 6-3. RybakinaMuchova 7-6(4), 2-6, 6-4.

SCORCHING THE TRACK

Verstappen outpaces Alonso in Saudi Arabian GP practice

Max Verstappen showed no ill effects of a stomach bug as he topped the times for Red Bull ahead of Fernando Alonso in Friday's second free practice at the Saudi Arabian GP on Friday. Verstappen clocked a best lap of 1m 29.603s to outpace Alonso's Aston Martin by 0.208s. Sergio Perez was third in the second Red Bull.

BATTLE LINES DRAWN

Real faces Chelsea in Champions League quarters; City vs. Bayern

Holder Real Madrid will play Chelsea in the Champions League quarterfinals while Manchester City was paired with Bayern Munich in Friday's draw. Serie A leader Napoli takes on AC Milan and Inter Milan faces Portuguese league leader Benfica. The winner of Real's tie against Chelsea will face either City or Bayern in the semifinals.

Rahul, Jadeja turn it around for India

The duo's unbroken 108-run partnership takes the team past the finish line from a precarious 83 for five at one stage; the all-rounder picks up two wickets also; Shami and Siraj scalp three each as Australia loses the last six wickets for 19 runs to get bundled out for 188

AUSTRALIA IN INDIA

Amol Karhadkar
MUMBAI

After the rank turners and a docile pitch during the Test series, the pacers finally had something going for them on a typical Wankhede Stadium track.

Despite the speedsters from both sides ruling the roost, K.L. Rahul's standout knock turned out to be decisive as India took the lead in the three-match ODI series versus Australia.

Rahul's unbeaten 75 (91b, 7x4, 1x6) – ably aided first by stand-in captain Hardik Pandya and Ravindra Jadeja with the willow – meant India overhauled the target of 189 with five wickets and 61 balls to spare.

Perfect sync: Jadeja and Rahul's rearguard helped India draw first blood. EMMANUAL YOGINI

Marsh on song

Rahul was the second-highest individual scorer of the night behind Mitchell Marsh who notched up a marvellous 81.

Rahul came in to bat with India tottering at 16 for three and when he took guard an over later, his first target was to avert Mitchell Starc's hat-trick with the pacer having accounted for Virat Kohli and Suryakumar Yadav with inswingers off the last two balls of his previous over.

The hat-trick ball – Rahul's first – was crunched through covers for a four. From then on, until Jadeja whipped Starc for a four through mid-wicket to complete the formalities, Rahul was in his element.

It wasn't easy though. While he saw off Starc's opening burst, Shubman Gill's scratchy knock ended in the left-armer's sixth over, with an uppish cut to backward-point.

Just when Rahul and Hardik – who had taken India to safety in a similar low-scoring affair versus Sri Lanka in Kolkata in January – appeared to shut the door on Australia, Marcus Stoinis brought Australia back in the game.

Stoinis, who had got rid of Ishan Kishan with the new ball, returned to trap Hardik with a short-ball ploy. However, once Jadeja and Rahul staved off Starc's two-over burst, the writing was on the wall as Rahul went after leggie Adam Zampa.

Similarly, India's wrist-spinner Kuldeep Yadav bore the brunt of Marsh's wrath. The burly all-rounder opened the innings along with Travis Head.

Despite Head playing Mohammed Siraj on to his stumps in the second over, with captain Steve Smith holding on to the other end, Marsh drove Mohammed Shami and Siraj with finesse.

Even Hardik and the magical arm of Shardul Thakur couldn't stop his onslaught as he tonked the duo for three sixes on the on-side.

Once spin was introduced, Marsh freed his arms further. Kuldeep suffered the most, as he was clobbered for 21 runs off the 11 balls he bowled to Marsh.

Eventually, Marsh's attempted hoick off a tossed-up delivery by Jadeja was top-edged to short third-man. Jadeja was soon back in action, taking a lunging catch to dismiss Marnus Labuschagne.

Shami and Siraj wiped off the lower middle-order as Australia lost the last six wickets for just 19 runs.

SCOREBOARD

AUSTRALIA
Travis Head b Siraj 5 *(10b, 1x4)*, Mitchell Marsh c Siraj b Jadeja 81 *(65b, 10x4, 5x6)*, Steve Smith c Rahul b Hardik 22 *(30b, 4x4)*, Marnus Labuschagne c Jadeja b Kuldeep 15 *(22b, 1x4)*, Josh Inglis b Shami 26 *(27b, 1x4, 1x6)*, Cameron Green b Shami 12 *(19b)*, Glenn Maxwell c Hardik b Jadeja 8 *(10b, 1x4)*, Marcus Stoinis c Gill b Shami 5 *(8b, 1x4)*, Sean Abbott c Gill b Siraj 0 *(7b)*, Mitchell Starc (not out) 4 *(10b, 1x4)*, Adam Zampa c Rahul b Siraj 0 *(6b)*; Extras (lb-7, w-3): 10; Total (in 35.4 overs): 188.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-5 (Head, 1.6 overs), 2-77 (Smith, 12.3), 3-129 (Marsh, 19.4), 4-139 (Labuschagne, 22.4), 5-169 (Inglis, 27.4), 6-174 (Green, 29.3), 7-184 (Stoinis, 31.3), 8-184 (Maxwell, 32.2), 9-188 (Abbott, 33.4).

INDIA BOWLING
Shami 6-2-17-3, Siraj 5.4-1-29-3, Hardik 5-0-29-1, Shardul 2-0-12-0, Jadeja 9-0-46-2, Kuldeep 8-1-48-1.

INDIA
Ishan Kishan lbw b Stoinis 3 *(8b)*, Shubman Gill c Labuschagne b Starc 20 *(31b, 3x4)*, Virat Kohli lbw b Starc 4 *(9b, 1x4)*, Suryakumar Yadav lbw b Starc 0 *(1b)*, K.L. Rahul (not out) 75 *(91b, 7x4, 1x6)*, Hardik Pandya c Green b Stoinis 25 *(31b, 3x4, 1x6)*, Ravindra Jadeja (not out) 45 *(69b, 5x4)*; Extras (lb-5, w-13, nb-1): 19; Total (for five wkts. in 39.5 overs): 191.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-5 (Kishan, 1.6), 2-16 (Kohli, 4.5), 3-16 (Suryakumar, 4.6), 4-39 (Gill, 10.2), 5-83 (Hardik, 19.2).

AUSTRALIA BOWLING
Starc 9.5-0-49-3, Stoinis 7-1-27-2, Abbott 9-0-31-0, Green 6-0-35-0, Zampa 6-0-37-0, Maxwell 2-0-7-0.
Toss: India; **PoM:** Jadeja.
India won by five wickets with 10.1 overs remaining.
Second ODI: March 19, Visakhapatnam, 1.30 p.m.

Treesa-Gayatri duo in semifinals

We did it! Gayatri and Treesa celebrate their quarterfinal win. BADMINTON PHOTO

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BIRMINGHAM

The Indian pair of Treesa Jolly and Gayatri Gopichand continued its impressive run, dishing out another superlative performance to advance to a second successive semifinals at the All England Championships here on Friday.

The World No. 17 pair looked solid in its defence and relentless in attack, clinching a 21-14, 18-21, 21-12 win over the newly formed Chinese pair of Li Wen Mei and Liu Xuan Xuan in a 64-minute quarterfinal.

The only Indians in the fray, Gayatri and Treesa will face Korea's Baek Ha Na and Lee So Hee for a place in the summit clash.

The Commonwealth Games bronze medallists had stunend seventh-seeded Thais Jongkolphan Kititharakul and Ravindra Prajongjai and former world No. 1 pair from Japan Yuki Fukushima and Sayaka Hirota in the previous rounds.

Gayatri and Treesa had reached the last four in the last edition as well when they were handed a spot in the main draw at the last moment.

Meanwhile on Thursday, defending men's singles champion Viktor Axelsen was bundled out by Ng Tze Yong 21-18, 9-21, 23-21 in the second round.

The Malaysian is the first player in nine years to get the better of Axelsen before the quarterfinals.

Four teams battling it out for two berths

WPL

P.K. Ajith Kumar
MUMBAI

A fortnight has passed since the Women's Premier League got off to an explosive start, with Harmanpreet Kaur playing a blinder at Navi Mumbai's D.Y. Patil Stadium. Mumbai Indians won the opening match against Gujarat Giants by a huge margin.

MI is still unbeaten, having won five matches on the trot. It is the only team to have ensured a place in the playoffs, and it did that with three matches still in hand.

After a day's break, the WPL resumes on Saturday, with all the other teams theoretically having a chance to claim one of the two remaining playoffs spots. Of them, Delhi Capitals, despite its loss to Gujarat Giants in a low-scoring, close encounter on Thursday, looks the likeliest to progress, having won four matches.

Royal Challengers Bangalore, on the other hand, will not only need to win both its remaining games but also have the matches involving other teams go its way. A tall order indeed for a side that shone the brightest at the auction but has been able to win only one game, that too after losing the first five.

UP Warriorz and Giants have won two games each, but the former has played a game less. The remaining fixtures in the league phase promises better battles between bat and ball, with wickets at both venues – Brabourne and D.Y. Patil – increasingly becoming more sporting from the absolute roads they were at the beginning.

On Saturday: Mumbai Indians vs UP Warriorz (3.30 p.m.); Royal Challengers Bangalore vs Gujarat Giants (7.30 p.m.).

Points table

	M	W	L	Pts	NRR
Mumbai Indians (Q)	5	5	0	10	3.325
Delhi Capitals	6	4	2	8	1.431
UP Warriorz	5	2	3	4	-0.196
Gujarat Giants	6	2	4	4	-2.523
Royal Challengers	6	1	5	2	-1.550

After the GG-DC match on March 16 *Q: Qualified*

Resurgent Bengaluru takes on defensively solid ATK MB

The grand prize: ATK MB's Pritam Kotal and BFC's Sunil Chhetri pose with the trophy. ISL/FOCUS SPORTS

ISL-9

M.R. Praveen Chandran
MADGAON

When Bengaluru FC was languishing in the ninth spot at the end of 2022, not even its die-hard fans would have imagined that it would be playing the ISL final on Saturday, against ATK Mohun Bagan.

In the new year, BFC strung together an incredible run of 10 consecutive wins. The sequence was broken when Mumbai City FC won the semifinal second leg to force a shootout. Simon Grayson's side has regularly found a knight in shining armour and it was goalkeeper Gurpreet Singh Sandhu, who saved his side in sudden-death by denying Mehtab Singh.

Grayson's strategy as well as his confidence in the young brigade has paid rich dividends. Sivasakthi Narayanan, Rohit Kumar, and Suresh Singh have repaid the faith. It was indeed a brave decision to drop Sunil Chhetri from the XI.

Chhetri, in his new avatar as a super sub, has defied time while Sivasakthi has been a revelation. The diminutive player is a livewire in BFC's potent attack. The Bengaluru side has the momentum and Grayson believes it is capable of winning the title.

ATK MB is defensively the best team in the league. Manned by Pritam Kotal, it has kept 12 clean sheets so far. But it will be tested by Bengaluru's incisive counter-attacks. The key battle will be fought in the midfield where ATK MB has more experience. Hugo Boumous and Carl McHugh have linked up with the strikers frequently to create chances. Dimitri Petranos, with his strikes and assists, can trouble BFC's defence.

Head coach Juan Ferrando said he was not worried about BFC's resurgence as he trusts his players and tactics. "We have enough motivation to win the title. We have shown character to bounce back from reverses this season."

Jaismine shows her class with a commanding win

BOXING WORLDS

Y.B. Sarangi
NEW DELHI

Commonwealth Games bronze medallist Jaismine Lamboria overcame several odds in the last few months before showing her class again by posting a commanding win in her opening bout in the World women's boxing championships at the K.D. Jadhav Indoor Hall on Friday.

While seventh-seeded Jaismine (60kg) outpunched Nyambega Beatrice Ambos of Tanzania with the referee stopping the contest, former World youth champion Shashi Chopra (63kg) recorded a comprehensive 5-0 victory over Kenyan Mwangi Teresiah Wanjiru.

Jaismine overcame a bout of typhoid and a shoulder injury to make it to the World championships squad through the evaluation system despite missing the National championships in December.

Jaismine again faced uncertainties due to a court case over selection issues, but underlined her worth by displaying her fine movement and long-range punches in a bout that lasted only one minute and 23 seconds.

In a jiffy! Jaismine outpunched Tanzania's Nyambega in a bout that lasted just one minute and 23 seconds. SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

Jaismine landed lovely head shots as Nyambega experienced an early standing count.

The Indian brought another count for the African boxer before fixing a pre-quarterfinal date with Tajikistan's Mijgona Samadova.

Shashi, a National champion, stayed away from the grasp of the taller Kenyan opponent and delivered some well-directed punches to walk away as the winner.

Shruti Yadav (70kg), the last-minute replacement for Sanamacha Chanu, was beaten 5-0 by a superior Chinese rival Zhou Pan.

Important results (preliminary rounds):
60kg: Chiper Cristina (MDA) bt Ayoma Lucy Achieng (Ken) 4-1; Ala Ivashkevich (Blr) bt Aslahan Mehmedova (Bul) 4-0.
Taguchi Ayaka (Jpn) bt Tugsjargal Nomin-Erdene (Mgl) 4-1;
Jaismine Lamboria bt Nyambega Beatrice Ambos (Tan) RSC-R1.
Rimma Volossenko (Kaz) bt Sitora Turdibekova (Uzb) 4-3; Mijgona Samadova (Tjk) bt Altin Yeliz (Tur) 5-0; Mossely Estelle (Fra) bt Buapa Porntip (Tha) 5-0;
63kg: Thananya Somnuek (Tha) bt Ha Thi Linh (Vie) 4-1; Shashi Chopra bt Mwangi Teresiah Wanjiru (Ken) 5-0.
Mega de Cler (Ned) bt Nilufar Bboyorova (Tjk) 4-3; Emma-Sue Greentree (Aus) bt Saltanat Medenova (Rus) 4-3;
70kg: Zhou Pan (Chn) bt Shruti Yadav 5-0; Jocelyn Garcia Lopez (Mex) bt Tuncer Zehra (Tur) 4-1.
75kg: Guneri Elf (Tur) bt Manikon Baison (Tha) 5-2, Anastasiia Shamonova (Rus) bt Solano Vanegas Angie (Col) 5-0.
81kg: Viktoriya Kebikava (Blr) bt Yenilmez Eda (Tur) 5-0.

INBRIEF

Arshdeep to hone his red-ball skills at Kent

Indian left-arm seamer Arshdeep Singh will play five First Class matches for Kent during the upcoming English County season to hone his red-ball skills. On signing for Kent for two months this summer, Arshdeep said, "I am excited to play red-ball cricket in England and continue to improve my skills. Rahul Dravid has already told me it is a club with a great history."

Purav and Divij lose to Uzbek duo in Challenger semifinal

Purav Raja and Divij Sharan lost 6-7(3), 3-6 to Bogdan Bobrov and Sergey Fomin of Uzbekistan in the semifinals of the $36,000 Challenger tennis tournament in Szekeshfehervar, Hungary, on Friday. In the $15,000 ITF men's event in Kish Island (Iran), fifth seed SD Prajwal Dev made the semifinals with a 7-6(10), 4-6, 6-3 win over Czech Filip Apltauer.

Delhi Capitals & Satya Nadella to own MLC team

IPL side Delhi Capitals has joined hands with Microsoft chief executive officer Satya Nadella to own and 'operate' the Seattle franchise in the Major League Cricket (MLC), a new T20 franchise league in the USA. The team has been named Seattle Orcas and the league is scheduled to be launched this July. Mumbai Indians and Chennai Super Kings are also associated with the new league.

LIVE TELECAST

NBA: MTV, Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 8 a.m.
Golf: DGC Open, Eurosport (SD & HD) 12 p.m. onwards
Bangladesh vs Ireland: 1st ODI, FanCode, 1.30 p.m.
WPL: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 3.30 & 7.30 p.m.
South Africa vs West Indies: 2nd ODI, SS Select 2 (SD & HD), Hotstar & FanCode, 4.30 p.m.
ISL: Final, Star Sports 1 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 7.30 p.m.
Premier League: SS Select 1 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 8.30 & 11 p.m.
Bundesliga: Sony Sports Ten 2 (SD & HD) & LIV, 8 & 11 p.m.
All-England badminton: Sports 18-1 & Jio Cinema App, 10.30 p.m.
LaLiga: Sports 18-1 HD & Jio Cinema App, 11 p.m. & 1.30 a.m. (Sunday)

Gaurav Gill sets the pace in Asia Rally Cup

Mana Pornsiricherd is second, while last year's winner and reigning National champion Karna Kadur follows in third; the latter also leads the INRC field

MOTORSPORTS

Sports Bureau
CHENNAI

Driving a Subaru Impreza, Gaurav Gill (co-driver Aniruddha Rangneskar) set the pace on the opening day in the FIA-APRC (Asia Rally Cup, Round-2) segment of the 46th South India Rally at the Madras International Circuit, here on Friday.

The event organised by the Madras Motor Sports Club also doubles up as a round of the Blueband Sports FMSCI Indian National Rally Championship.

Toyota Rally Team's Mana Pornsiricherd (co-driver Phanyathat Meenil) was placed second behind Gill, while last year's winner and reigning National champion Karna Kadur (Nikhil Pai) was in third spot at the end of two loops of Super Special Stage.

Incidentally, Kadur also leads the INRC field.

Blistering drive: Gaurav Gill in action on Friday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Provisional results (Leg-1, Section-1): FIA-APRC (Asia Rally Cup): 1. Gaurav Gill & Aniruddha Rangnekar (2mins, 46.700secs); 2. Mana Pornsiricherd & Meenil Thanyaphat (Thailand) (2:49.900); 3. Karna Kadur & Nikhil Pai (2:53.100).
INRC: 1. Kadur & Pai (2:53.100); 2. Dean Mascarenhas & Gagan Karumbaiah (3:00.100); 3. Aroor Arjun Rao & Satish Rajagopal (3:03.400).
INRC-2: 1. Suhem Kabir & Jeeva Rathinam (2:58.700); 2. Dr. Bikku Babu & Milen George (2:59.200); 3. Charen Chandran & Vignesh Mahalingam (3:03.400).
INRC-3: 1. Mohammed Sahil & Eldo Chacko (3:04.500); 2. Himanshu Arora & Kunal Kashyap (3:08.700); 3. Pragathi Gowda & Trisha Alonkar (3:15.100).
INRC-4: 1. Jagbir Nirwan & Karanpreet Mattu (3:22.100); 2. Abhin Rai & D. Uday Kumar (3:23.800); 3. Ruthuparna Vivek & Santhosh Thomas (3:27.400).

Chikka blazes his way into the lead

DGC OPEN

Rakesh Rao
NEW DELHI

When it came to ball-striking, S. Chikkarangappa's consistency was hard to match. Playing without a driver, he reached all 18 greens in regulation for a bogey-free six-under 66. The brilliant effort on Friday left him enjoying a three-stroke halfway lead at 10-under 134 in the $750,000 DGC Open here.

Surprisingly, this hard-working Bpengaluru golfer took 30 putts – three more than what he needed during his first-round 68.

It did not hurt him once overnight leader Siddikur Rahman followed his first-round 65 with a 73 and slipped to 6-under 138.

Rashid Khan and Om Prakash Chouhan were part of a five-man pack in the second spot at 137.

The 'cut' came at two-over 146 and left 76 players, including 24 Indians, for the weekend action. The daylong cloud-cover also helped the golfers as the greens remained soft.

Chikkarangappa.
SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The scores (Indians unless stated): Second round: 134: S. Chikkarangappa (68, 66); **137:** Rashid Khan (67, 70), Sadom Kaewkanjana (Tha) (70, 67), Nitihorn Thippong (Tha) (67, 70), Om Prakash Chouhan (69, 68), Matt Killen (Eng) (68, 69); **138:** Poom Saksansin (Tha) (72, 66), Siddikur Rahman (Ban) (65, 73), Justin Quiban (67, 71) and Chonlatit Chuenboonngam (Tha) 71, 67).

Hardik, Savita are Players of The Year

HI ANNUAL AWARDS

Sports Bureau
NEW DELHI

Hardik Singh and Savita Punia won the Balbir Singh Sr. Award for the Player of the Year 2022 at the fifth Hockey India annual awards on Friday.

Former India captain and Olympian Gurbux Singh was honoured with the Major Dhyan Chand Lifetime Achievement Award.

Total prize money in excess of ₹2.7 crores was awarded across the two years.

Savita Punia with HI president Dilip Tirkey.

The winners: 2021: Lifetime Achievement Award (₹30 lakh): Amit Singh Bakshi; **Player of the Year (₹25 lakh): Men:** Harmanpreet Singh; **Women:** Savita.
2022: Lifetime Achievement Award (₹30 lakh): Gurbux Singh; **Player of the Year (₹25 lakh): Men:** Hardik Singh; **Women:** Savita.
Upcoming Player (₹10 lakh): Men: Uttam Singh; **Women:** Mumtaz Khan.

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

Hareesh and Mufeez star for Bank of Baroda

Hareesh (22 points) and Mufeez (20 points) took Bank of Baroda past Mangalore BC 87-57 in the State 'A' Division basketball on Friday.
The results: Bank of Baroda 87 (Hareesh 22, Mufeez 20) bt Mangalore BC 57 (Rajath 23, Ashwij 22); Southern Blues 102 (Abhishek Gowda 21, Rohan 17) bt MNK Rao Park BC 65 (Sanjay 25, Ajin 12).

Bengaluru Titans on top

Bengaluru Titans finished on top of the table after Round 2 of the Choice 4th Karnataka Open Trios tenpin bowling tournament at Amoeba. Led by international medallist Akaash Ashok Kumar, Titans finished with a total pinfall of 6965 and team average of 193.47.
Overnight leader Phantom Strikers Bengaluru fell to second position with total pinfall of 6906 and team average of 191.83. Bowling Bohemians Bengaluru (6800 total pinfall, average 188.89) sits in third spot.

Shahaan's double ton goes in vain

Shahaan Shadab's 230 went in vain as Shri Ram Global School lost to AC School in the quarterfinals of the BTR Shield under-14 Group I, III Division tournament here.
The scores (quarterfinals): Shri Ram Global School 307/2 in 50 overs (Shahaan Shadab 230, Monish Gowda 28) lost to AC School 310/2 in 38 overs (Kaniskh 40, Prajith 84, Roger 115 n.o., Gnan 25 n.o.).
The Sports School 401/9 in 50 overs (Athreya Bhat 137, Tansh Krishna 87, Jami Tanay 33, D.R. Pranav 32, Hrithvek 4/80) bt Sudarshan Vidya Mandir 90 in 22.4 overs.
St. Joseph's School 162/6 in 50 overs (Vihaan Negi 47 n.o., P. Rohan 34) lost to Vydehi School of Excellence 163/1 in 34.2 overs (P. Chirag 76 n.o., Rithwik Kumar 57 n.o.).
Euro School (Whitefield) 92 in 36.1 overs (Vihaan Desai 29, Aman Mund 3/8) lost to Presidency School (Bangalore North) 94/4 in 19.5 overs (T. Aryan 42 n.o.).

Karthik to take on Shekar for the title

K. Karthik and Shekar Veeraswamy, the top two seeds respectively, will clash in the men's singles final of the of the 6th AITA Tabebuia Open wheelchair tennis tournament at the Padukone Dravid Centre for Sports Excellence here. Top seed Karthik of Tamil Nadu overcame fourth seed S. Balachander 6-1, 6-4 in the semifinal here on Friday. Veeraswamy took out D.A. Anil 6-3, 6-3 in the other last-four clash.

Other results: Women: Semifinals: K.P. Shilpa bt bt K. Shilpa 6-0, 6-0; Prathima Rao bt K. Mubina 6-0, 6-0. **Doubles: Final:** K. Shilpa & K.P. Shilpa bt K. Mubina & Prathima Rao 6-2, 7-5.

Bengaluru to host SAFF championship

Bengaluru will host the 2023 South Asian Football Federation (SAFF) Championship, the biennial international men's football championship of South Asia. The tournament is scheduled to be held from June 20 to July 3.
India was given the hosting right in February this year.